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Chasing fire, facing reality

A growing number of young Indians dream of financial freedom and early retirement, but can they truly afford it?

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Turkiye issues genocide arrest warrant against Israel's Netanyahu

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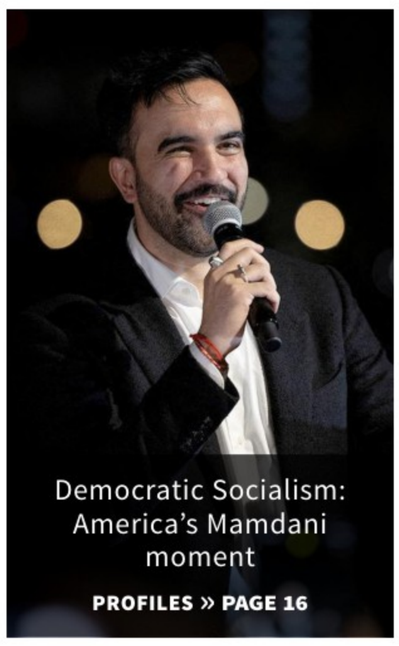

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Men in Blue clinch the series as final T20I gets washed out

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Erstwhile BBMP's plans on strays in spotlight now

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) blueprint to manage stray dogs, which was once considered a model for civic bodies across the country, lost momentum and never took off. However, the latest Supreme Court directive has rekindled hope.

ABC drive

To ramp up the Animal Birth Control (ABC) drive, the BBMP had proposed setting up veterinary hospitals with adequate facilities in all its zones.

To reduce dog aggression triggered by hunger, it also introduced a ₹2.88-crore feeding programme. In a move towards a data-driven approach, it planned to microchip stray dogs.

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Centre rules out Kuki-Zo groups' demand for U.T.

The demand rose in talks with Home Ministry on Nov. 7; insurgent groups told the officials that coexistence within Manipur was no longer possible; Centre terms the proposal 'unacceptable'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

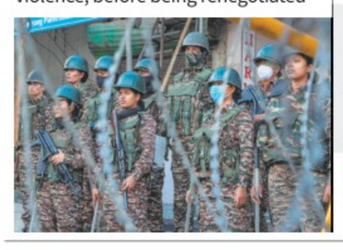
Kuki-Zo insurgent groups in Manipur on Saturday said that they held talks with the Union Home Ministry this week, "focusing on the core demand for a Union Territory with a Legislative Assembly" for Kuki-Zo areas, insisting that "coexistence" within the State was not possible.

This comes just two months after the groups signed a Suspension of Operations (SoO) pact with the Union and State governments.

However, the Centre's representative in the talks said it was not possible to accept their demand, according to both the insurgent groups and a Ministry source.

Negotiating peace

The Suspension of Operations — a pact between govts. and 24 insurgent groups — collapsed amid ethnic violence, before being renegotiated



Annual renewals (until 2024): The SoO pact was extended annually, maintaining dialogue between the government and insurgent groups

May 3, 2023: Ethnic violence erupts between Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities, and continues for several months, resulting in 250 deaths and displacing over 60,000 people

Feb. 29, 2024: Manipur government refuses to renew the SoO pact

Feb. 13, 2025: Manipur placed under President's Rule

Sept. 4, 2025: Renegotiated pact signed with new terms: settlement within Constitution, territorial integrity assurances, cadre verification, deportation of foreign nationals, and camp relocation

Nov. 6-7, 2025: Representatives hold talks with A.K. Mishra, Adviser (Northeast), MHA

The two umbrella groups – the Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and the United People's Front (UPF) – said the talks were held on November 6 and 7, with the MHA being represented by its Northeast Adviser, A.K. Mishra.

In a statement, the SoO groups said that on November 6, the discussions centred on the implementation of the September 4 tripartite agreement, where they demanded that the administration and governance issues in Kuki-Zo inhabited districts should be addressed. "The second day (November 7) focused on the political demand for U.T. with legislature," the statement said.

According to the SoO groups, Mr. Mishra reiterated that the current policy does not support creation of new Union Territories. He stressed the need for consultations with other communities in Manipur, they said.

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Ahead of COP, India says it will join forest protection initiative

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

At the Leaders' Summit in Belem, Brazil, where heads of state have converged ahead of the climate conference beginning Monday, India said it would join the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) as an 'Observer'.

The TFFF is the latest measure drummed up to incentivise global finance to invest in limiting net global carbon emissions. The plan is that countries with tropical forests are paid annually for keeping their forests standing. A secretariat called the TFFF and an investment fund called the Tropical Forest Investment Fund will invest sponsor money in emerging market bonds and avoid fossil fuels, coal, and any sector linked to deforestation.

Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva called on world leaders to establish a road map to end dependence on fossil fuels, and honour international commitments by 2030 to triple renewable energy capacity and double energy efficiency.

Leaders launch the TFFF ahead of COP30 in Belém, Brazil, on November 6. AFP

Dinesh Bhatia, India's Ambassador to Brazil, called TFFF a "significant step" towards collective global action for the preservation of tropical forests.

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NEARBY

'Poll panel is part of electoral list fraud'

BENGALURU
Alleging that the Election Commission of India (ECI) was part of the "electoral list fraud", the Congress has announced that 1.12 crore signatures had been collected as part of the campaign against "vote theft" launched by All India Congress Committee. » PAGE 8

Speed up pothole work: GBA chief

BENGALURU
GBA Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao on Saturday issued strict instructions to officials to speed up pothole-filling works across the city by deploying additional teams and ensuring timely supply of asphalt. » PAGE 6

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IAF turns 93

An Indian Air Force fighter jet performs over the Brahmaputra at Lachit Ghat, Guwahati, on Saturday, marking the IAF's 93rd anniversary. The Force will hold its first full-scale air show in the Northeast over the next two days. RITURAJ KONWAR

Video shows rapist Umesh Reddy and gold smuggling accused using phones inside prison

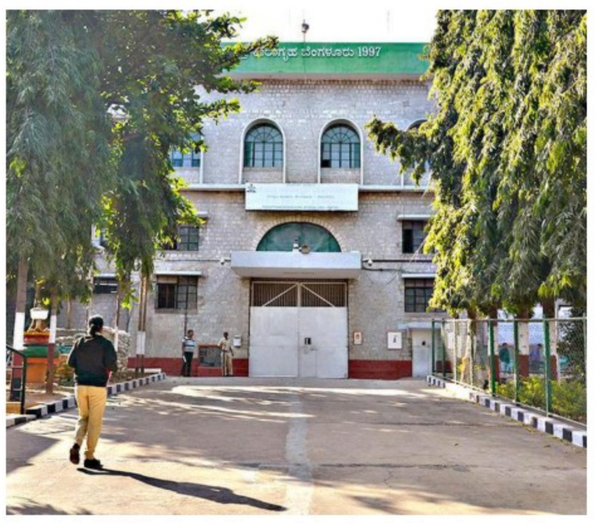
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the episode of Kannada actor Darshan allegedly being given privileges inside prison caused embarrassment to the Karnataka police, yet another video has now surfaced.

This time, it shows inmates, including a serial rapist, freely using mobile phones and watching television inside their cells in the central prison.

However, the prison officials are yet to confirm the videos that went viral on social media on Saturday. The time of recording of the video was also not verified.

Among those seen in the video is Umesh Reddy, once known as India's most notorious serial rapist, who allegedly has access to mobile phones and a television. Reddy, who terrorised women between 1996 and 2002, was accused of rape and murder of several women and was facing 30-year life term. He later claimed to be mentally unstable in an attempt to escape the gallows. However, a medical examination conducted at the NIMHANS confirmed otherwise.



Umesh Reddy is lodged at the central prison in Bengaluru and is reportedly nearing the end of his jail term. FILE PHOTO

Following a mercy petition, the Supreme Court in 2022 commuted his death sentence to 30 years of imprisonment without remission.

Reddy is now lodged at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison in Bengaluru and is reportedly nearing the end of his jail term.

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Motherhood should bring neither shame nor trophy, it should bring care, says expert

Prabha Chandra, senior professor of Psychiatry at NIMHANS, describes pregnancy and postpartum as a phase of profound neurobiological change. GETTY IMAGES

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

"It takes a village to raise a baby," goes the old saying. But in today's hyper-connected world, it can also take a village – both real and virtual – to stress out a mother.

This irony set the tone for a session on maternal health at Manotsava, the mental health festival that began in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The discussion, titled 'Maternal Health Unfiltered: Strain, Stories and Studies' examined how the traditional "village" of kin and community that once supported mothers has fragmented into modern, often digital, spaces that can both nurture and pressure them.

Moderated by Jahanvi Nilekani of the Aastrika Foundation, the panel featured Prabha Chandra, senior professor of Psychiatry at NIMHANS, psychologist and podcaster Bakul Dua of Mommy Mixed Tapes, and therapist Poornima Mahindru of Green Oak.

Village to nuclear home

Dr. Chandra, who has spent over two decades studying perinatal mental health, described pregnancy and postpartum as a phase of profound neurobiological change – a period she likened to "matrescence", or "the adolescence of motherhood".

"It's a time when a woman's brain changes more than at any other point in her life," she said.

"Areas linked to empathy and caregiving become more active, but these same changes make her more vulnerable to anxiety, guilt and fatigue."

She noted that traditional family and neighbourhood networks once offered a protective cushion for new mothers. "Today, those support systems have shrunk," she said.

"Sleep deprivation, lack of planning, and an overfocus on the baby rather than the mother's well-being are major risk factors for distress." She further said, "Motherhood should bring neither shame nor a trophy. It should bring care."

Dr. Mahindru said that cultural expectations and rituals continue to shape, and sometimes strain, women's early experiences of motherhood.

"Even in the most modern families, postpartum seclusion and food taboos persist," she said.

"What may once have been protective now often leads to isolation." She said that the pressure to bear children remains deeply gendered.

"Women are still expected to prove their worth through motherhood," she said. "Once the baby arrives, the mother's physical and emotional recovery becomes invisible."

"For generations, women have been told to simply 'cope' or 'adjust'. True maternal care should focus on recovery, rest and respect," she said.

Dr. Dua explored how online platforms have become the new "villages" for many mothers. "WhatsApp groups, parenting forums and Instagram communities are lifelines – especially for those away from family," she said.

"But this solidarity comes with surveillance. Every feed is full of picture-perfect mothers who are 'doing it all.' It becomes an endless cycle of comparison and guilt."

COMTINUED ON
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Tipping point: A woman, with her daughter, watches helplessly as towering waves, driven by Cyclone Montha, batter their already damaged home at Sooradapeta village.

Unsteady perch: In Uppada, a dilapidated house — half of it washed away by the waves — struggles to stay upright in the strong winds.

Eerie frame: Through a jagged hole in a glass window, shattered by the cyclone, one can catch a glimpse of the ruined houses of Jaggaraju Colony.

Raging tide: As tidal waves, charged by Cyclone Montha, tear through homes and livelihoods, people scramble for safety in Uppada in Andhra Pradesh.

Uppada on the brink

This coastal village in Andhra Pradesh has been losing shore to the Bay of Bengal at an alarming rate; since 2020, over 250 houses have already been swallowed by the sea, and recently, Cyclone Montha damaged at least a dozen more in just two days

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The village of Uppada, home to a close-knit community of handloom weavers and fisherfolk, faces an uncertain future as the sea continues to eat into its shoreline. At the current rate of erosion, this once-thriving panchayat in Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh may soon disappear beneath the waves.

Over 250 houses have already been swallowed by the sea since 2020, along with places of worship that once defined the village's cultural harmony.

Just two weeks ago, Cyclone Montha battered the coast, damaging at least a dozen houses within two days in Uppada. The six habitations of Jaggampeta, Sooradapeta, Mayapatnam, Kothapeta, Pallipeta, and Subbampeta have borne the brunt of erosion for nearly two decades.

Studies by the Andhra Pradesh Space Application Centre (APSAC) reveal that Uppada has been losing an average of 1.23 metres of coastline per year, with 1,360 acres eroded in the past five years alone. An average of 35.7 metres of shore has eroded from 1989 to 2018.

Experts attribute the problem to wave deflection caused by the formation of Hope Island near Kakinada Port, which concentrates wave energy along the Uppada coast.

Efforts to contain the damage, including a 1,463-metre geotextile tube installed in 2010, have failed to withstand the sea's fury.

A new ₹323-crore seawall proposed by the National Centre for Coastal Research offers short-term protection, but the long-term future remains uncertain.

As the sea continues to reclaim land, Uppada's fisherfolk live perilously close to the waters that both sustain and threaten their existence.

(Text: K.R. Deepak, T. Appala Naidu)

In ruins: An eroded house of a handloom weaver in Uppada, with dirt-streaked walls and broken furniture, stands in the aftermath of the cyclone.

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PARENTS of Hindu Nair Girl MBBS(26 years, Chothi,163) presently doing internship in Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Medical College, Delhi seeks alliance from professionally qualified and well settled groom, preferably Doctors. Father's Contact no.9810196302.

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Losing ground: Rocks, roots, and innumerable household items lie strewn among the debris, beneath houses hollowed out in Jaggaraju Colony in Kakinada.

Scars of a storm: As skies cleared following the cyclone's destruction spree, villagers watch the massive wreckage left behind. Families are worried about what damage each monsoon will bring.

Defenceless guard: Installed in 2010 to prevent coastal erosion, Uppada's 1,463-metre geotextile tube struggles against the powerful waves during the storm.

THTalksBengaluru: Pose a question to the Police Commissioner

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BENGALURU

Seemant Kumar Singh

Have a question to ask the Bengaluru Police Commissioner? Here's your chance.

Seemant Kumar Singh will be live on #THTalksBengaluru on Monday from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Mr. Singh, a 1996-batch IPS officer born in Ranchi, Jharkhand in 1970, was heading the Bengaluru Metropolitan Task Force (BMTF) before he was posted as the City Police Commissioner.

He had earlier served in the city police as Additional Commissioner of Police (East) and earlier as Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic East). Starting his career as a probationer in Belagavi, he served as Superintendent of Police in Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Vijayapura, Mandya, Kolar, and Ballari districts.

He held key positions like Commissioner of Mangaluru city, commander of Anti Naxal Force, IGP (Central Range) and headed Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Karnataka State Reserve Police Force (KSRP), and BMTF. He also served in the Border Security Force (BSF) on a central deputation. Send in your questions to thtalksbengaluru@thehindu.co.in or join us live on https://youtube.com/live/jY07uieEH2g.

Centre is undermining local languages to prioritise Sanskrit, says Hampana

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hampa Nagarajaiah along with other dignitaries during the inauguration of the two-day Samajamukhi Literary Conference in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Centre is suppressing people's languages in its bid to promote Sanskrit, regretted scholar Hampa Nagarajaiah, also known as Hampana, while speaking during the inauguration of the two-day Samajamukhi Literary Conference in Bengaluru.

"The Union government is pushing for One Language, One Nation, One Election while systematically stifling people's languages. A major portion of the language funding is being used to promote Sanskrit alone," Mr. Nagarajaiah said.

Funding issues

He pointed out that over the past 11 years, the government has spent ₹2,532.59 crore on Sanskrit, while Dravidian languages have received a fraction of that support – ₹113.4 crore for Tamil, ₹12.65 crore for Telugu, ₹12.28 crore for Kannada, and ₹4.52 crore for Malayalam. He called this skewed and unfair, according to a release.

"Sanskrit and Hindi are not our enemies," Mr. Nagarajaiah clarified. "They are both rich, classical languages. But they must not be imposed upon others. We must collectively and strongly oppose this biased approach of the Centre."

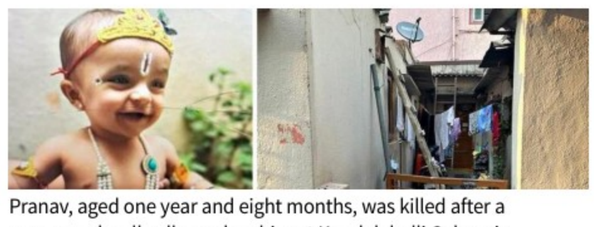
He further noted that while there are 14 Sanskrit universities in the country, there are none for Prakrit or other ancient Indian languages of antiquity.

Baragur Ramachandrappa, chief guest, expressed concern over the erosion of moral responsibility in public discourse. He said that we are living in 'an age of distorted interpretations' and 'madness has replaced dialogue, irrationality has replaced reason, communalism has replaced humanity, and falsehood has replaced truth'. Cautioning against divisive tendencies within the intellectual community, Mr. Ramachandrappa added, "The power of voice should not be destroyed by the politics of division."

Cultural thinker H.S. Shivaprakash, guest of honour, emphasised that India has always been a land of multilingual and multicultural traditions – both in poetry and religion. "Attempts are being made to break this pluralistic heritage and impose a single culture," he warned.

He noted that linguistic diversity exists not only in the South but across North India too, yet most regional languages do not receive due recognition. "This is the direct result of linguistic domination," he said.

Jayaram Rayapur, Commissioner of Income Tax, Andhra Pradesh, and the founder of Samajamukhi magazine, in his introductory remarks said the idea behind Samajamukhi was to create an independent platform for Kannada's intellectual space.


Pranav, aged one year and eight months, was killed after a compound wall collapsed on him at Kundalahalli Colony in Bengaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Toddler killed after wall collapses on him

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A one year and eight months old toddler was killed after a compound wall collapsed on him at Kundalahalli Colony in Bengaluru on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Pranav, the only son of Siddappa and Lavanya. As per police, the accident occurred around 4 p.m., when a cement-mixer lorry, returning after completing moulding work at a nearby house, came in contact with an overhead electric wire. The wire got entangled and pulled down a concrete electric pole, which in turn caused a portion of a house wall to collapse. The debris fell on Pranav, who was playing in the house at the time.

He sustained severe injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital, but succumbed to his injuries on the way. The driver of the lorry fled from the scene soon after the accident.

2 women who attempted to abduct newborn held

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Two women who attempted to abduct a newborn from the general ward of the Government HSIS Gosha Hospital in Shivajinagar, were arrested.

According to police, the accused entered the hospital and tried to lift the newborn from the bedside when the child's relatives, a 30-year-old woman and her younger sister, noticed their suspicious movement.

The alert sisters immediately intercepted the duo and raised an alarm. The hospital staff and security personnel rushed to the spot and detained the two women before handing them over to the police.

Asma Banu delivered a baby boy on Sunday and was shifted to the general ward for recovery. She was with her younger sister Simran when the incident occurred.

The accused, identified as Rafiya, 22, and Mahek, 20, came to her on the pretext of seeking help to make a call and sat with them.

While Asma went to the washroom along with Simran, the duo allegedly lifted the baby and began to flee. Simran noticed the duo fleeing and raised an alarm, prompting others to come to her rescue and catch them.

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Stray dog issue: SC directive a hope for erstwhile BBMP's model blueprint

The civic body pioneered the use of DHPPiL, proposed to set up veterinary hospitals, and introduced feeding programme

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The plans of the erstwhile BBMP, and now the Greater Bengaluru Authority, were more comprehensive and addressed multiple facets of the issue. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The latest Supreme Court directive has rekindled hope that the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) blueprint to manage stray dogs, which was once considered a model for civic bodies across the country, may finally see the light of day.

The apex court's directive covers a wide range of measures: from maintaining anti-rabies vaccine stock and forming patrol teams to setting Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and raising awareness on preventive behaviour and post-bite protocols.

None of these directions are new to the Bengaluru's civic body. The plans of the erstwhile BBMP, and now the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), were more comprehensive and addressed multiple facets of the issue.

ABC drive

To ramp up the Animal Birth Control (ABC) drive, the BBMP had proposed setting up veterinary hospitals with adequate facilities in all its zones. To reduce dog aggression triggered by hunger, it also introduced a ₹2.88-crore feeding programme. In a move towards a data-driven approach, the civic body planned to microchip stray dogs. In addition to the ABC, the BBMP pioneered the use of DHPPiL, a five-in-one vaccine protecting dogs against distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, parainfluenza, and leptospirosis, besides rabies. Hopes were high when the BBMP allocated ₹60 crore, thrice its usual ₹20 crore, to the Animal Husbandry Department for 2025-26. But after the formation of five new corporations in September, all these plans remained on paper.

The GBA Chief later directed new commissioners to identify land in their respective jurisdictions and establish ABC centres, which are a critical need. The city's installed capacity for dog surgeries was under 500 a day remains unchanged.

The North City Corporation is the only one functioning at full strength. Pommala Sunil Kumar told *The Hindu* they operate two ABC centres at Yelahanka and Dasarahalli, with a combined capacity of 175 slots.

Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar, Additional Commissioner of East City Corporation, said they have identified 2 acres and 30 guntas in K.R. Puram for a veterinary-cum-ABC centre, but land acquisition is yet to begin. South City Commissioner Ramesh K.N. said that they are still searching for suitable land, with having one centre operational in Bommanahalli.

"Finding free space in the city has been difficult. We've considered multiple locations, but there are challenges everywhere," he told *The Hindu*. The Central and West Corporations face similar issues. Meanwhile, the new corporations are trying to identify spaces in every ward to manage stray dogs at micro level, a tedious task given Bengaluru's dense land occupancy. While citizens feeding stray dogs often drew public criticism, the corporations were directed to designate feeding zones to avoid conflict. However, progress has been slow.

GBA Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao also acknowledged a shortage of anti-rabies vaccines in the city.

Where vaccines are available, there aren't enough veterinarians to carry out the programme.

Meanwhile, the files on the feeding and microchipping programmes continue to gather dust in the new corporations. According to senior officials, these programmes took a back seat as the city grappled with pothole and infrastructure problems.

High-level meeting

A source in the GBA said that Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh held a meeting on Saturday with all municipal corporations in the State to discuss the Supreme Court's directives.

"The Chief Secretary has directed the Animal Welfare Board to prepare an immediate action plan covering all aspects of the issue. Once ready, all corporations will implement it," the source said.

The meeting also debated the relevance of public feeding. A final decision on the matter is expected in the next round of discussions.

To compensate for lost days, schools asked to conduct one extra hour of class every day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To compensate for the days lost owing to Dasara holidays which were extended for 10 days as teachers of government and aided schools were busy with the Social and Educational Survey, the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has asked schools to conduct an extra hour of classes every day.

The DSEL circular has given separate instructions to primary and high schools.

Primary schools have been asked to conduct extra classes till February 5, 2026 and high schools till January 24, 2026. However, it is left to the discretion of the schools to decide whether to take extra classes in the morning or in the evening. As mentioned in the circular, the schools have lost a total of eight full days and two half days (Saturdays). As a result, high schools have fallen short of 66 periods and primary schools of 74.

This year, the DSEL had announced the Dasara Holidays between September 22 and October 7. But as the State government extended the Social and Educational Survey till October 18 and schools re-opened only after Deepavali, they lost 10 working days. Meanwhile, teachers have urged the State government to grant them additional leave.

"As per the Government Order, we conducted the survey for additional days without any leave. Now, the DSEL has instructed to conduct an extra one hour classes every day. However, teachers who lost their Dasara holidays for the survey are in a situation where they have to work without any rest. The government should grant additional leave to all the teachers who participated in the survey," said a teacher of a government school in Bengaluru.

Cyber fraudsters dupe pharma company of ₹2.16 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The cyber crime police are on the lookout for an unidentified person who allegedly hacked into the official email communication between Group Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Hyderabad, and diverted a payment of ₹2.16 crore to a fraudulent bank account. According to the complaint by Mahesh Babu K., on behalf of Group Pharmaceuticals Ltd., the company was due to receive ₹2.16 crore from Dr. Reddy's Laboratories for goods supplied as part of their business transactions.

However, on November 3, hackers reportedly gained unauthorised access to the company's email system and sent a spoofed message from a fake ID impersonating an official representative of the company. The fraudulent email allegedly instructed Dr. Reddy's Laboratories' finance team to transfer the payment to a bank account. Acting on the instructions, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories transferred ₹2.16 crore on November 4 to the said account. The complainant stated that fraudsters had manipulated the email domain to deceive the recipient. The company has urged authorities to immediately freeze the fraudulent account and take legal action.

Domestic workers' union urges State govt. to revise draft welfare Bill

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Domestic Workers' Rights Union has urged Karnataka government to strengthen the proposed Domestic Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2025, calling it a historic and progressive step, but warning that procedural and substantive gaps could mar its effectiveness.

At a meeting held to collect responses from stakeholders in J.P. Nagar on Saturday, the union commended the Karnataka Labour Department for becoming the first in India to draft a comprehensive law for domestic workers and said that Karnataka now carries the responsibility of ensuring that the legislation is well thought out and centred on workers' rights.

Concerns

Raising concerns, the union said only the English version of the Bill has been released so far, while most domestic workers have not studied English, which makes it impossible for them to respond to the draft. It urged the government to immediately release a Kannada version and extend the consultation period by another 30 days. The letter also pointed out that the title of the Bill does not clearly mention protection of domestic workers' working conditions.

It recommended that the title should be changed to reflect that this is a rights-based legislation. It further asked that the definition of 'child' should match the one in the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, which defines a child as anyone below 14 years. The definition of 'adolescent' should also be consistent, it said. The union said the Bill must make it clear that employers, not workers, should be responsible for the registration of domestic workers. It opposed the Bill's proposal that workers must renew their registration every three years. Instead, employers should update the worker's employment status every three years, it said.

The union argued that working condition provisions in the Bill are vague and must be rewritten. It recommended an eight-hour daily and 48-hour weekly limit with overtime pay, four weekly holidays, bonus, a 10% annual wage increment among other benefits.

Two impersonating cybercrime police honeytrap private firm employee, extort ₹1.5L from him

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A city-based private firm employee, who booked an escort service online, was allegedly honey-trapped, and the accused extorted over ₹1.5 lakh from him.

Based on a complaint, the south east cyber crime police have registered an FIR against a woman charging her under the IT Act and also under Section 318 (cheating), 308 (extortion), and 319 (cheating by impersonation) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). According to the complaint, on Friday, the victim visited a website where he came across the profile of a woman named Anshi, who shared her mobile number offering escort service. After exchanging messages, they agreed to meet at a hotel in Koramangala, and he booked the room where she came and met him.

Sting

After asking about the services, the woman called someone who introduced himself as a cybercrime officer and said that the woman who had come to meet him was also an officer. The man informed the victim that it was a sting, and that he could be booked under relevant sections which could attract six years of imprisonment.

Apologised

When he tried to apologise, the man claimed that the charges would be dropped if he paid ₹5 lakh. The victim negotiated and brought down the amount to ₹3 lakh.

The victim shared his ordeal with his friends who suggested he approach the police.

Bag stolen

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A trolley bag containing valuables worth ₹70,000 was stolen from the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) recently.

The bag belonged to Vanshika Gupta. According to the complaint, Gupta landed at KIA from Delhi. When she came to collect it, she found the bag missing. Based on her complaint, the police have registered a case.

From sanitary pads to Wi-Fi, this 'Superman's' auto has it all

Manivel offers free rides for pregnant women; the idea began in 2017 when his wife was pregnant and getting an autorickshaw was often a struggle

Rishita Khanna
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Sanitary napkins, a fan, Wi-Fi, water bottles, a small TV screen, a CCTV camera, and even books that help people learn Kannada in five languages - English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam. These are the last things one would imagine finding in an autorickshaw. But Manivel C.'s autorickshaw has them all.

Among the many stickers inside the vehicle, the one which says, "Free rides for pregnant women and dialysis patients within 10 km," stands out.

Free rides for pregnant women, dialysis patients

The idea began in 2017, when Mr. Manivel's wife was pregnant. They didn't own a two-wheeler, and getting an autorickshaw for hospital visits was often a struggle. Many drivers refused short-distance rides. Many times, the couple walked close to a kilometre from their home in Vijayanagar to G.T. Mall, the nearest landmark from where they could finally get an auto. The same thing happened during her delivery, and those days, he said, stayed with him. "At that time, app-based auto services had not picked up. I would often go to look for an auto while my wife would wait at home, but most drivers refused short-distance trips or were unwilling to enter areas because of narrow lanes," he said. Two years later, when Mr. Manivel bought his own autorickshaw, he decided that no one in a similar situation should have to face that. Every pregnant woman he meets now travels for free.

The decision to include dialysis patients came after a close friend, also an auto driver, developed kidney failure. Each hospital visit cost him around ₹1,500.

Every month, Mr. Manivel spends about ₹4,000 to ₹5,000 from his earnings to maintain his auto, restock, and keep everything in working order -- water bottles, batteries for the fan, sanitary pads, Wi-Fi bills, and small repairs.

Memorable experience

Recalling his memorable experiences with the customers, Mr. Manivel said that during the recent IPL season, a passenger began watching the match on the small screen inside his auto and refused to get down until it ended. The short trip from Vijayanagar to Sadashivanagar turned into a three-hour ride, where the two watched the match together, and the passenger paid ₹3,000.

Mr. Manivel, who calls himself the 'Superman', lost both his parents when he was four and grew up by himself at Kallakurichi in Tamil Nadu.

After studying till class 8, he moved to Bengaluru to find work. He didn't know Kannada then, but learned it by talking to people.

The people would often say 'super' whenever he did something well. The word stuck with him. "Everything I did, people said super, so I started calling myself Superman," he said. "Moreover, losing a parent is painful, imagine losing both. In that situation, I found my own way, built a respectable life, and chose to make others happy. That's what Superman is all about," he added.

To soon launch his own app

Inspired by an initiative in Hyderabad, he has now created his own app, Super Auto. With help from YouTube tutorials and a few developers, he began building a platform where other autorickshaw drivers can register, provided they equip their vehicles with the same facilities as his.

The app, set to launch in a few months, will charge about ₹30 more than the regular base fare. Mr. Manivel said he will be its CEO and will verify each registered vehicle and driver.

Bike taxi rider held for molesting woman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Wilson Garden police on Friday arrested a bike taxi rider for allegedly molesting a woman during a ride.

The incident came to light after the victim recorded the act on her mobile phone and posted the video on social media before filing a police complaint. The accused has been identified as Lokesh (28), a resident of Muniyappa Layout in Ullal.

Police said the complainant on Thursday around 4 p.m. booked a Rapido ride from Church Street to her place. During the journey, the rider allegedly touched inappropriately while riding.

Shocked by the sudden act, the woman recorded the incident on her phone.

Based on her complaint, the police arrested Lokesh.

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Last date & time to express interest of participation in e-Auction: 06.12.2025, 5.00 p.m. IST

Date of commencement of Live Bidding For Sl. No. 1 to 50: 08.12.2025, 11.00 a.m. IST Last date for bid closing: 09.12.2025 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres East to West	Dimensions in Metres North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
Arkavathy Layout, 14th Block, Thanisandra				
1	127	(9.50+10.00)/2	12	117.00
2	128	(11.00+10.00)/2	12	126.00
3	149	(9.90+10.00)/2	12	119.40
4	150	(12.00+13.80)/2	18	232.20
5	167	(2.50+3.20)/2	12.2	34.77
6	TS502	(4.80+5.00)/2	12	58.80
7	TS508	14.00	6.8	47.60
Arkavathy Layout, 19th Block, Challakere				
8	697	(3.5+4.9)/2	(11.80+11.7)/2	49.35
9	641	(8.50+10.60)/2	(11.50+12.00)/2	112.21
10	589	11.00	12.00	132.00
11	612	13.00	12.00	156.00
12	774	0.5x18.00	12.00	108.00
13	765	0.5x20.00	12.00	120.00
14	735	0.5x15.00	12.00	90.00
15	1341	(3.30+5.50)/2	9.00	39.6
16	8A	9.00	(8.00+4.00)/2	54.00
17	9	9.00	(6.00+2.00)/2	36.00
18	28	9.00	(2.50+9.00)/2	51.75
19	29	9.00	(3.00+7.00)/2	45.00
20	53	9.00	(6.20+10.20)/2	73.8
21	54	9.00	(4.20+4.50)/2	39.15
22	83	9.00	(2.60+3.50)/2	27.35
23	84	9.00	(3.50+4.50)/2	36.00
24	146	9.00	(5.30+4.80)/2	45.45
25	147	9.00	(4.80+3.50)/2	37.35
26	622	7.00	12.00	84.00
27	634	9.00	12.00	108.00
28	878	9.00	(10.00+6.00)/2	72.00
29	211	9.00	(3.80+3.00)/2	30.6
30	212	9.00	(3.00+1.50)/2	20.25
31	853	9.00	6.00	54.00
32	852	9.00	6.00	54.00
33	162	9.00	(5.60+5.60)/2	50.40
34	195	9.00	(5.60+5.60)/2	50.40
35	289	(9.00+8.80)/2	(5.70+5.80)/2	51.18
36	316	9.00	(5.50+5.70)/2	50.40
37	317	9.00	(5.80+5.80)/2	52.20
38	334	9.00	(5.60+5.80)/2	51.30
39	345	(5.0+4.80)/2	8.90	43.61
40	414	(6.90+6.80)/2	8.90	60.96
41	669	(13.0+12.0)/2	(12.20+12.00)/2	151.25
42	1323	(7.40+9.50)/2	9.2	77.74
43	697	(3.5+4.9)/2	(11.80+11.7)/2	49.35
44	734	(4.8+4.9)/2	(9.6+11.90)/2	52.13
45	1308	10.20	9.3	47.43
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 96,250/-, Contact : 9980402882				
Arkavathy Layout, 10th Block, Dasarahalli				
46	861	(2.80+2.90)/2	9	25.65
47	763	(7.5+6.8)/2	(9.00+9.2)/2	65.06
48	762	(4.6+5.00)/2	9	43.20
49	793A	(2.8+2.5)/2	(9.00+9.2)/2	24.11
50	820A	(2.00+2.80)/2	9	21.60
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87,500/-, Contact : 9980402882				

Date of commencement of Live Bidding For Sl. No. 51 to 100: 09.12.2025, 11.00 a.m. IST Last date for bid closing: 10.12.2025 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres East to West	Dimensions in Metres North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
Arkavathy Layout, 10th Block, Dasarahalli				
51	821	(5.80+4.90)/2	9	48.15
52	841	(4.90+4.00)/2	9	40.05
53	860	(3.00+4.00)/2	9	31.50
54	677	9.00	6	54.00
55	732	9.00	6	54.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87,500/-, Contact : 9980402882				
Arkavathy Layout, 7th Block, Jakkuru				
56	41	(5.50+2.00)/2	18	67.5
57	1288	12	(6.50+3.85)/2	62.1
58	1332	12	(5.95+3.90)/2	59.1
59	1245	12	(5.80+2.50)/2	49.8
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73,500/-, Contact : 7349388238				
Arkavathy Layout, 19th Block, Challakere				
60	237	9.00	(5.70+4.60)/2	46.35
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 96,250/-, Contact : 8722433608				
Arkavathy Layout, 2nd Block, Sampigehalli				
61	2142A	9.00	(32.30+7.40)/2	377.15
62	2178A	24.00	0.50x30.10	361.2
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87,500/-, Contact : 7349388238				
Arkavathy Layout, 7th Block, Jakkuru				
63	41	(5.50+2.00)/2	18	67.5
64	2731A	9.00	(3.9+2.85)/2	30.37
65	2599A	9.00	(4+3.60)/2	34.20
66	2170	24.00	3.40	81.60
67	2136	24.00	(7.8+6.1)/2	166.80
68	2153	24.00	(6.30+5.90)/2	146.40
69	2154	24.00	2.30	55.20
70	2414	9.00	5.00	45.00
71	2415	9.00	(5.10+5.20)/2	46.35
72	2556	9.00	8.70	78.30
73	2667	9.00	(4.90+5.40)/2	46.35
74	2714	9.00	(5.5+5.20)/2	48.15
75	2306	9.00	(7.60+5.95)/2	60.98
76	2591	9.00	(4.70+3.85)/2	38.48
77	2642	9.00	(3.70+2.90)/2	29.70
78	2643	9.00	(6.00+5.10)/2	49.50
79	2738	9.00	(4.80+4.00)/2	39.60
80	2738A	9.00	6	54.00
81	2765A	9.00	6	54.00
82	2796	9.00	4.9	44.10
83	2908	9.00	(2.50+3.50)/2	27.00
84	2908A	(7.30+7.95)/2	(16.00+18.00)/2	129.63
Arkavathy Layout, 2nd Block, Jakkuru				
85	JK191	12.00	6.8	81.60
86	JK192	12.00	(7.50+7.40)/2	89.40
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73,500/-, Contact : 7349388238				
Arkavathy Layout, 20th Block, Hennur				
87	315	(3.70+3.20)/2	18	62.10
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73,500/-, Contact : 8722433608				
HRBR 2nd Block, Chellakere				
88	4BM410	9.8	(5.8+6.00)/2	57.82
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 158,000/-, Contact : 8722433608				
HRBR 1st Block, Banasawadi				
89	8EM431	12.10	(13.2+7.00)/2	122.21
90	2HC914	10.50	8.20	43.05
91	3AC302	12.10	(9.2+8.8)/2	108.90
92	2HC-264	16.10	(7.7+9.00)/2	134.43
93	5DM315	12.10	(8.4+10.2)/2	112.53
OMBR, Banasawadi				
94	5CC112	(12.00+10.80)/2	(6.30+6.00)/2	70.11
95	5BC111	(8.20+6.20)/2	(6.30+6.00)/2	44.28
96	5AC115	(9.00+18.00)/2	(15.20+12.40)/2	186.30
97	2GC966	(6.00+5.5)/2	9.1	52.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 158,000/-, Contact : 9980402882				
Further Extension of RMV, Boopasandra				
98	13	9.00	10.00	90.00
99	12	9.00	10.00	90.00
100	14	6.00	10.00	60.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 166,250/-, Contact : 8722433608				

Date of commencement of Live Bidding For Sl. No. 101 to 149: 10.12.2025, 11.00 a.m. IST Last date for bid closing: 11.12.2025 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres East to West	Dimensions in Metres North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
Arkavathy Layout, 2nd Block, Sampigehalli				
101	JK131	(7.40+8.50)/2	8.3	109.56
102	1789	(13.00+12.40)/2	12	152.4
103	1808	10.5	18	189
Arkavathy Layout, 3rd Block, Sampigehalli				
104	202	(9.30+9.70)/2	9	85.5
105	43	(6.90+6.70)/2	12	81.6
106	357A	18	(7.30+7.70)/2	135
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87,500/-, Contact : 7349388238				
Arkavathy Layout, 20th Block, Hennuru				
107	HN-42/A	(11.9+10.20)/2	12	132.60
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 73,500/-, Contact : 8722433608				
FE Sir M.V. Layout, 8th Block, Gidadakonenahalli				
108	2081	(18.30+18.00)/2	(14.50+18.00)/2	294.93
109	2096	(17.70+18.00)/2	(22.40+14.50)/2	329.33
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87,500/-, Contact : 6362956998				
FE Sir M.V. Layout, 7th Block, Gidadakonenahalli				
110	1452	(10.9+4.5)/2	(9.5+9)/2	70.84
111	1467	(11+12.26)/2	(12.8+10.88)/2	137.69
112	1137	9	5.75	51.75
113	1165	12	(8.1+8.4)/2	99.00
114	1143/1	9	8.4	75.60
115	1136	9	3.4	30.60
116	1053	8.6	24	206.40
117	1046	14.5	24	348.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 87,500/-, Contact : 8147510380				
Sir M.V. Layout, 5th Block, Ullalu				
118	559/A	24	15.3	367.20
119	559/18	24	15.2	364.80
120	2090	16	12.5	200.00
121	547/11	15	16	240.00
122	1080	12	(4.80+5.30)/2	60.60
123	1101	12	(4.10+4.80)/2	53.40
124	679	5	12	60.00
Sir M.V. Layout, 6th Block, Ullalu				
125	2623	14.2	18	255.60
126	2708	24	5.5	132.00
127	756	24	15	360.00
128	1009	9	15	135.00
129	735	12	(11.7+9.8)/2	129.00
130	755/A	18	9.3	167.40
Sir M.V. Layout, 6th Block, Ullalu & Manganahalli				
131	2596	18	(12.5+11.8)/2	218.70
132	2597	(5.50+5.8)/2	18	101.70
Sir M.V. Layout, 6th Block, Manganahalli				
133	2583	12	7.5	90.00
134	2227	10.4	18	187.20
135	2210	10.4	12	124.80
136	2221	10.1	18	181.85
137	2087	18	(6.1+6.8)/2	116.10
138	2060	18	11.2	201.60
139	2059	12	11.8	141.60
140	1926	12	3.3	39.60
141	1915	12	5.8	69.60
142	1914	12	4.8	57.60
143	1900/1	8	4.2	33.60
144	2818/A	9	(4.0+4.3)/2	37.35
145	2564	12	(13.0+11.0)/2	144.00
146	2548	12	9.7	116.40
147	2547	12	(6.2+6.5)/2	76.20
148	2563	12	10	120.00
149	2555	12	9.6	115.20
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84,000/-, Contact : 7975861995				

Date of commencement of Live Bidding For Sl. No. 150 to 190: 11.12.2025, 11.00 a.m. IST Last date for bid closing: 12.12.2025 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres East to West	Dimensions in Metres North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
Sir M.V. Layout, 6th Block, Manganahalli				
150	2556	12	9	108.00
151	2574	12	9.6	115.20
152	2765	12	(5.0+12.5)/2	105.00
153	2730/A	18	12.4	223.20
154	2709/A	18	10	180.00
155	2731/A	12	(6.8+4.5)/2	67.80
Sir M.V. Layout, 6th Block, Ullalu				
156	3306	24	(14.10+14.30)/2	340.80
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84,000/-, Contact : 7975861995				
Sir M.V. Layout, 2nd Block, Ramasandra				
157	663	14.8	18	266.40
158	664	18.8	18	338.40
Sir M.V. Layout, 4th Block, Ramasandra				
159	1008	9.8	24	235.20
160	1073	11.3	24	271.20
161	1074	9.6	18	172.80
Sir M.V. Layout, 3rd Block, Sonnenahalli				
162	2186	9.5	18	171.00
163	2485	18	14.2	255.60
164	2492	18	(14.50+15.00)/2	265.50
Sir M.V. Layout, 4th Block, Sonnenahalli				
165	1793/1	15.5	24	372.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84,000/-, Contact : 6362956998				
West of Chord Road, 1st Block, Saneguruvanahalli				
166	613	4.5	9.2	41.40
167	509/C	(7.6+12.7)/2	18.3	185.74
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 131,500/-, Contact : 7975861995				
FE of Anjanapura, 10th Block, Gollahalli				
168	1379/E	9	6	54
169	1379/D	9	6	54
170	1380/A	9	6	54
171	1349	9	6	54
172	1371	9	6	54
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 71,000/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Anjanapura Township, 1st Block, Anjanapura				
173	224	12	16	192
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 71,000/-, Contact : 8147799282				
FE of BSK 6th Stage, 4th 'B' Block, BM Kaval				
174	782	12	18	216
175	803	(10.00+7.50)/2	12	105
176	852	(6.00+7.00)/2	12	78
FE of BSK 6th Stage, 4th 'T' Block, UM Kaval				
177	966/B	9	(4.40+5.00)/2	42.3
FE of BSK 6th Stage, 4th 'T' Block, Thalaghattapura				
178	318/A	(5.30+4.60)/2	9	44.55
BSK 6th Stage, 4th Block, Lingadeeranahalli				
179	2539	(7.00+6.00)/2	12	78
180	2525	(7.00+6.00)/2	12	78
FE of BSK 6th Stage, 4th 'T' Block, Thalaghattapura				
181	490/L	18	12	216
182	373	12	18	216
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 69,300-, Contact : 8147799282				
J.P. Nagar 9th Phase, 3rd Block, Alahalli				
183	384	12.19	18.28	222.83
184	403	12.19	18.28	222.83
185	404	12.19	18.28	222.83
186	408	12.19	18.28	222.83
187	707	9	6	54
188	727	9	6	54
189	742	(11.00+10.50)/2	6	64.5
190	743	(10.50+10.00)/2	6	61.5
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 106,000/-, Contact : 8310525317				

Date of commencement of Live Bidding For Sl. No. 191 to 239: 12.12.2025, 11.00 a.m. IST Last date for bid closing: 13.12.2025 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes)

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres East to West	Dimensions in Metres North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
J.P. Nagar 9th Phase, 3rd Block, Alahalli				
191	744	(10.00+9.50)/2	6	58.5
192	337	9.3	(5.00+6.00)/2	51.15
193	705	9	3.7	33.3
194	725	9	6	54
195	726	9	6	54
196	745	(9.50+9.00)/2	6	55.5
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 106,000/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Anjanapura Township, 6th Block, Anjanapura				
197	405	12	(2.50+7.00)/2	57
198	443	12	(8.30+10.30)/2	111.6
199	470	12	(8.50+7.00)/2	93
200	471	12	(5.50+7.00)/2	75
201	483	12	(7.00+8.60)/2	93.86
202	533	(10.00+8.00)/2	12	108
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 71,000/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Anjanapura Township, 1st Block, Anjanapura				
203	470	12	18	216
204	512	9	6	54
205	545	12	9	108
206	546	12	9	108
207	551/A	9	6	54
208	553	12	9	108
209	563	9	6	54
210	564	9	6	54
211	120	11	18	198
212	121	9	12	108
213	131	8	12	96
214	143	18	11	198
215	165	12	14	168
216	206	9	7	63
217	211	9	6	54
218	212	9	6	54
219	217	9	7	63
220	221	12	8	96
221	238	8.8	12	105.6
222	277	8.3	12	99.6
223	299	9.2	18	165.6
224	474	9	7	63
225	592	12	(6.00+7.50)/2	81
226	619	12	(7.50+9.00)/2	99
227	648	12	(11.50+6.00)/2	105
228	662	(13.00+20.00)/2	12	198
229	685	(10.00+11.00)/2	12	126
230	712	(8.00+9.00)/2	12	102
231	741	(4.00+6.50)/2	12	63
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 64,000/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Anjanapura Township, 6th Block, Anjanapura				
232	160	9	12	108
233	270	12	9	108
234	443	12	(8.30+10.30)/2	111.6
235	470	12	(8.50+7.00)/2	93
236	471	12	(5.50+7.00)/2	75
237	533	(10.00+8.00)/2	12	108
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 71,000/-, Contact : 8310525317				
Rajivgandhinagar (Nandini Layout), Jarakbandekaval				
238	190	(6.4+8.1)/2	12	87
239	153	(12.0+16.5)/2	(13.1+24.1)/2	265.05
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 110,000/-, Contact : 6362956998				

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR e-AUCTION

1. The auction purchaser should be a Citizen of India.
2. Address proof: Any one of the following documents attested by a Gazetted Officer / Notary / Embassy Office (in the case of NRIs) shall be uploaded:- a) Voter ID, b) Driving License, c) Passport, d) Unique ID number (Aadhaar).
3. Uploading of PAN Card in e-auction portal is compulsory (Should be attested by Gazetted Officer/Notary/Attested by Embassy Office in case of N.R.I.).
4. Signature & Photo Identity should be uploaded on the e-Auction portal [Attested by a Gazetted Officer / Notary / Embassy Office (in the case of NRIs)]. Please download the prescribed format.
5. The auction purchaser shall mention correct e-Mail address, mobile number and landline number while participating in the e-Auction. The bidder whose name is registered in the e-procurement is final and the site will not be transferred to any other name.
6. **Minors / persons without computer knowledge are eligible to participate in the auction through their guardians or friends. While doing so, the name and related documents of only the person purchasing the property must be submitted / uploaded on the e-Auction portal while participating in the e-Auction.**
7. Partnership firm may participate in the auction. However, the partnership firm should have been registered in India before participating in the auction.
8. EMD amount is fixed at Rs.4.00 lakh (Rupees Four Lakh only) per site and this amount along with the e-Auction fee should be remitted as mentioned on the e-Procurement portal. 5% Service charge on EMD shall be deducted during refund if remitted to BDA's account instead of e-Auction Portal.
9. All legal proceedings in respect of the auction sites are subject to the jurisdiction of Courts in Bengaluru only.
10. Five minutes of delta time shall be extended to the last moment bids in the e-Auction.
11. BDA reserves the right to withdraw the sites notified for auction at any time during auction period without assigning any reasons.
12. BDA reserves the right to accept or reject the bid made by the successful bidder without assigning any reasons.
13. **Bank Name:- Canara Bank, BDA Complex Branch, Kumara Krupa West, Bengaluru-560020.**
    Savings Account Name:- Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru.
    Savings Account Number:- 2828101053014 IFSC Code No.:- CNRB0002828
    Mode of Payment:- RTGS / NEFT
14. Advice letters will be sent by e-Mail to successful bidders (highest bidders) to remit 25% of the total cost after deducting EMD amount of Rs.4.00 lakhs to the above-mentioned BDA's Bank Account, and the challan for remittance should be submitte to the Accounts Officer, Finance Department ('D' Block, 2nd Floor, Room No.308). In case of failure to remit 25% within stipulated time, as mentioned in the e-auction advised letter, EMD shall be forfeited. Successful bidders after remitting 25% of the final bid amount should pay the balance 75% amount within 45 days of receiving the allotment letter from BDA.
15. EMD amount of Rs. 4. Lakhs of unsuccessful bidders will be credited to their Account within 30 working days.
16. The auction purchasers who desire to have the sites jointly registered should upload the details of the persons concerned on the e-Portal. Only blood relations, viz., spouse, sons or unmarried daughters are eligible for joint registration along with the auction purchaser. The relationship of such person should be clearly mentioned and any Government ID proof must be attached along with the application. Later such requests shall be rejected.
17. During bidding, if there are any duplication of Nick names for the same site, such bid will be rejected without assigning any reasons.
18. **Where 25% of the total cost is not remitted within 72 hours of receiving e-Auction Advice letter by the successful bidders (highest bidders) or where 25% of the total cost is remitted after the prescribed time, the EMD amount of Rs.4.00 lakh shall be forfeited by the Authority.**
19. As per IT Act, 1961 Sec.194 IA, where the sale consideration exceeds Rs.50.00 lakh, the auction purchaser should deduct 1% of the total amount payable and remit the same to the IT Department.
20. In case there is a difference in the dimension of the site (Less / More), the full amount (less TDS) as per the dimensions in the e-Auction notification / letter of confirmation of auction site has to be remitted within the prescribed time. If the remittance is not made within the prescribed time, action will be taken as per the Disposal of Corner, Intermediate & Commercial Sites Rules, 1984 of BDA. In case there is a difference in actual dimensions of the site (less / more), the excess amount, if any, remitted by the auction purchaser due to lower dimensions shall be refunded by BDA without interest. Similarly, any incremental amount due to higher dimension of the site shall be remitted by the auction purchaser as advised by BDA. Bidder should pay the full amount and then go for correction in dimensions, if any.
21. Bidder / auction purchaser shall abide by the Disposal of Corner, Intermediate & Commercial Sites Rules, 1984 of BDA (Document is attached as part of the e-Auction documents.).
22. For demonstration of live bidding & learning the process of bidding, visit BDA Head Office during office hours. Bidding by BDA on behalf of a bidder shall not be undertaken during the demonstration.
23. While participating in the e-auction, the bid amount should exceed the base price by 10% i.e., site measuring 108 m ^{2} has base price @ Rs.45,000/m^2. Bidders should quote more than Rs.45,000x1.1=Rs.49,500/m^2 (Rs.49,500 if quoted will be rejected). However, BDA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reasons.
24. There should be minimum of 2 bidders for each site. Single bidder will be rejected.
25. Website address: **www.kbda.karnataka.gov.in**
26. E-auction bidders can download the New e-Auction bidding user manual by logging on to the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For more information contact Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **080-46010000 & 080-68948777.**
27. The auctioned Sites will be allotted to the successful bidders in the same condition as they are. Bidders participating in the e-auction must physically check the location of the site, Road width etc., before bidding. Sites allotted in the e-auction will not be cancelled / substituted.
28. Bidders participating in E-Auction are meant to adhere to all the terms and conditions specified above.
29. Regarding the e-Auction, Bidders should contact the Authority directly and should not contact any middle men.
30. Geo tag of the sites are for reference only. No Claim is entertained if there are any discrepancies in it.

Bidders have to read all the Terms and Conditions before bidding and shall participate accordingly.

For location of sites and other details, log on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in BDA site related Queries 080-23368435 / 23368036 and KPPP technical issues contact 080-46010000 / 68948777

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020.

No. BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-11/2025-26 Date: 31.10.2025
Sd/- Engineer Member

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State govt. removes BU Syndicate member

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government removed Bangalore University Syndicate member Ramesh Babu P. following allegations by the faculties and students.

Verbal abuse
On October 10, a large number of students, along with faculty members, staged a protest on the Bangalore University's Jnana Bharati campus alleging that Babu was misusing Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's name and verbally abusing the faculty members.

Involvement
They accused him of being unnecessarily involved in the administrative and academic decisions, including the appointment of guest faculties, though Syndicate members were not allowed in that process.

Protest
Following the massive protest, the Higher Education Department had gathered information and based on the report, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah issued a note to the department to remove Ramesh Babu from the position.

'Re-tender delayed civic works in Bengaluru South City Corporation'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ramalinga Reddy, Minister for Transport, at a review meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Minister for Transport and Muzrai Ramalinga Reddy on Saturday directed the Bengaluru South City Corporation to cancel and re-tender civic projects that have not been completed within the stipulated time.

In a review meeting, Mr. Reddy expressed concern that several of the ₹27-crore worth of projects sanctioned for 2024-25 in the BTM Layout constituency had not yet begun. He instructed officials to start all pending works immediately, including the construction of the Anganwadi building at J.D. Mara Slum and N.S. Palya Ward.

The Minister warned that contractors who fail to meet deadlines even after time extensions would face tender cancellation and blacklisting. He also directed that bills be cleared only after verification of GPS-tagged photos and supporting documents. Mr. Reddy said new tenders for the current year should be issued only after the completion of ongoing works. He reviewed the Lakkasandra School construction and instructed officials to ensure students were not facing any inconvenience.

He told officials to inspect and replace defunct CCTV cameras and revive non-functional skywalks under the PPP model.

Calling for swift clearance of garbage black spots, especially near Silk Board and the Passport Office in Koramangala, Mr. Reddy urged officials to deploy garbage autos regularly.

Tiger attacks: Combing operations stepped up in Mysuru

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Forest authorities have intensified combing operations in Sargur taluk of Mysuru district following a spate of tiger attacks that has triggered panic among villagers along the forest fringes.

Three farmers have lost their lives in separate incidents over the last few weeks, while another victim, who survived an attack, has lost his vision and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Mysuru.

The latest fatal incident occurred on Friday when a farmer from Hale Heggudilu who had gone to his field early in the morning was mauled by a tiger.

Following directions issued by Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre, combing operations have been stepped up across forest-bordering farmlands and villages in H.D. Kote and Sargur region. Additional precautionary measures have been taken in villages where frequent tiger sightings have been reported. Search and rescue teams are on continuous standby. A special night-patrol team has been deployed for daily surveillance.

A Deputy Range Forest Officer, a forest guard, and two watchers, equipped with a Rapid Response Team vehicle will be patrolling the villages. The unit has been tasked with patrolling vulnerable zones and issuing safety alerts through public address systems whenever tiger movement is detected. Meanwhile, public awareness notices have been distributed in villages, schools, bus stands, and other public places advising villagers to remain alert and avoid venturing alone, particularly during early morning and night hours. Leaflets explaining dos and don'ts to prevent tiger encounters are also being circulated.

Deploy more teams and speed up pothole-filling works: GBA chief to officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

GBA chief has told officials that potholes be repaired during the night when traffic movement is less. FILE PHOTO

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao on Saturday issued strict instructions to officials to speed up pothole-filling works across the city by deploying additional teams and ensuring timely supply of asphalt.

Virtual review meeting
Chairing a virtual review meeting here, Mr. Rao directed the officials to give top priority to pending potholes on arterial and sub-arterial roads. Contractors carrying out works in ward-level and on major roads were also told to expedite repair work without delay.

He noted that the asphalt mixing unit of the corporation has not been supplying asphalt mixture to five city corporations as per their requirements and directed immediate corrective action to ensure supply as per the indents.

To speed up ongoing work, Mr. Rao said that in addition to the existing eight teams, five more teams have been deployed to areas requiring urgent attention.

Pothole repair team
Each team will include one roller, one tractor, and 20 personnel, and will be responsible for carrying out high-quality pothole repairs. In order to complete the task quickly, contractors have been instructed to supply at least 30 loads of asphalt mixture daily from the plant.

Given the heavy traffic on major city roads, the GBA chief further directed that potholes on such stretches be repaired during night hours, when traffic movement is less. He added that a decision would soon be taken to supply asphalt for ward-level roads from the GBA's own mixing plant.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: CEE/SLDC/SEE-SCADA/EE(D)/2025-26/3072 Date: 07.11.2025

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE-SLDC/SEE-SCADA/ENQ.No. 011/2025-26. KPTCL, invites bid for **"Upgradation of KPTCL SCADA-VSAT Communication Network on percentage tender basis".**

The details can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11-11-2025** and the last date & time for receipt of bid is as in e-portal. Any extensions of due date for bid submission will be intimated in the e-portal and if any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the bids.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer (Electy.), SLDC, KPTCL, #28, Race Course Cross Road, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560009.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my client/s (**1**) **Smt. POOJA KHADKIWALA,** Aged about 42 years, D/o.Sri.Anil Khadkiwala, W/o.Sri.Chezhian Natarajan, & (**2**) **Sri.CHEZHIAN NATARAJAN,** Aged about 41 years, S/o. Sri.Natarajan.A, both are residing at No.23, 15th Cross, AECS Layout, 2nd Stage, R.M.V Extension, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560 094, Karnataka, India **(3) Sri. ANIL KHADKIWALA,** Aged about 68 years, S/o. Late Sri.Bal Shanker, Residing at No.14-A/98, First Floor, W.E.A Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110 005, India, Now Camped at Bangalore, have negotiated to purchase the **"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"** from its owners (**1**) **Sri. NAGENDRA PRASAD B.M,** S/o. Sri.B.M.Maharudrappa, Aged about 59 years, & (**2**) **Smt.DIVYA PRASAD,** W/o. Sri.Nagendra Prasad.B.M, Aged about 48 years, Both Residing at No.311, III Main, G.K.V.K Layout, Jakkur, Bangalore-560 064, on the representations made by them that they are the true and absolute joint owners of the **"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"** and that they have acquired the same by virtue of the Registered Sale Deed dated 10.05.2019, Registered as Document No.BYP-1-01165/2019-20, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.BYPD355, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Gandhinagar (Byatarayanapura), Bangalore from **Sri.M.A.Balaji, S/o. Sri.G.R. Ashwath narayana Setty** and that they have not entered into any manner of transactions in respect of the said property and that the same is free from all manner of Liens, Charges, Court litigations, minor claims or any manner of encumbrances.

That originally the University of Agricultural Sciences Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Limited, has sold the Schedule Property in favor of its Allottee-**Sri.Venugopal, Co-Ordinator S/o. Late Sri.Venkatapatheppa** by virtue of the Absolute Sale Deed dated 27-01-1999, Registered as Document No.BNG(U)-YLNK/5660/1998-99, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.YLNKCD-9, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Yelahanka, Bangalore in favor of Sri.Venugopal, Co-Ordinator S/o. Late Sri.Venkatapatheppa,

That **Sri.Venugopal** has obtained no objection from the aforesaid Society and has sold the Schedule Property in favor of **Smt.Veena Shekar, W/o. Sri.Chandrashekar, Rep by her GPA Holder Smt.B.N.Padmini, W/o.Sri.Dyave Gowda** by virtue of the Registered Sale Deed dated 03-08-2005, Registered as Document No. YAN-1-04891/2005-06, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.YAND141, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Yelahanka, Bangalore;

That **Smt.Veena Shekar,** has sold the Schedule Property in favor of **Sri.M.A.Balaji, Sri.G.A.Sampath Kumar** & **Sri.G.A.Nagendra Kumar**, all Children of Sri. G.R.Ashwathnarayana Setty by virtue of the Registered Sale Deed dated 25-01-2014, Registered as Document No. BYP-1-06441/2013-14, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.BYPD201, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Gandhinagar (Byatarayanapura), Bangalore;

That **(1) Sri.G.A.Sampath Kumar** & **(2) Sri.G.A.Nagendra Kumar**, both sons of Sri.G.R.Ashwathnarayana Setty have released and relinquished their undivided, right, title and interest in the Schedule Property in favor of their brother **Sri.M.A.Balaji,** S/o. Sri.G.R.Ashwathnarayana Setty by virtue of the Registered Release Deed dated 08-10-2015, Registered as Document No. BYP-1-02833/2015-16, of Book-1, Stored in CD No.BYPD288, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Gandhinagar (Byatarayanapura), Bangalore and that **Sri.M.A.Balaji** has accordingly sold the Schedule Property in favor of **(1) Sri. NAGENDRA PRASAD B.M** & **(2) Smt.DIVYA PRASAD** in the manner first stated above;

The aforesaid **(1) Sri. NAGENDRA PRASAD B.M** & **(2) Smt.DIVYA PRASAD** have also represented that the **original General Power of Attorney** executed by **Smt.Veena Shekar, W/o. Sri.Chandrashekar in favor of Smt.B.N.Padmini, W/o.Sri.Dyave Gowda** is not handed over to the subsequent purchasers of the Schedule Property i.e **Sri.M.A.Balaji, Sri.G.A.Sampath Kumar** & **Sri.G.A.Nagendra Kumar** and that only a Photo Copy of the same is provided to them which is in their custody and no transactions or encumbrances have been created by the Attorney Holder and that no claims are made by any persons against them till date and no claims have come to their notice till date in respect of the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons or institution/s claiming any manner of share, right, title or interest in the SCHEDULE PROPERTY shall lodge their claim in writing with supporting documents within 15 days, after the publication of this notice, to the undersigned, failing which, my client/s shall proceed with the transaction and acquire the SCHEDULE PROPERTY from the aforesaid owner and his family members and subsequent claims if any will not be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immovable Property being the **Residential Vacant Site No.67, BBMP Khatha No.113/1/67, New E-PID No.1121184440,** in the layout **Krishi Gangothri, Jakkur III A Phase UAS GKVK Layout,** Plan approved by the BDA, bearing BDA/TPM/576/1995-96, dated 25/26-3-1996 and modified Layout Plan Vide No.BDA/TPM/442/2001-2002 dated 23-05-2021 formed by the University of Agricultural Science's Employees House Building Co-Operative Society in Several **Survey Nos. 3/1, 3/2, 4/2, 6/1, 6/2, 7/1, 7/1A, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/4A, 8/1, 8/2A, 8/2B, 9/2, 9/3 & 9/4, of Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** and measuring East to West: 60 Feet or 18.29 Meters and North to South: 40 Feet or 12.19 Meters totally measuring 2400 Square Feet or 222.965 Square Meters, Now falling within the folds of BBMP Ward No.7/Jakkur, Bangalore; together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: Site No.63; West by: Road; North by: Site No.66; South by : Site No.68.

VELLANKI RAVI, ADVOCATE
Date : 08-11-2025 # 321, 1st Floor, C.M.H. Road, Indiranagar,
Bangalore Bangalore – 560 038, Tel: 98441 21658 (Mobile).

UNION BANK OF INDIA
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office : 2254, Kousalya, 3rd Floor, Vinoba Road, Mysuru-570005

E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Channapatna Branch No. 2911/4-10, B M Road, Kuvempunagara, Channapatna, Ramangara - 562160
Ph: 9744880055, Mail Id: ubin0910821@unionbankofindia.bank.in

1. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-Borrower And Guarantor:
1) Mrs. Vimala T R. W/o T K Raju, No.98, Thittamaranahalli Village, Channapatana, Ramanagara - 562160.
2) Mr. Umashankar T R. No. 98, Thittamaranahalli Village, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160.
3) Ms. Shwetha T R. D/o T K Raju, No. 98, Thittamaranahalli Village, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160.
Amount due : Rs. 1,76,49,334-00 as on 31-10-2025 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of **Mrs. Vimala T R,** Bearing Khaneshumari No 79/79, Situated At Thittamaranahalli Village, Mangalawarapet Dhakle, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. **Measuring East-West: 63.32 feet, North-South: 34.76 feet, Total 2201 Square feet. Bouned On The East:** House Of Nagaraju K, **West:** House Of Krishna & Channamma's, **North:** House Of Channamma, **South:** Road.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 25,70,696-00 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy Thousand Six Hundred And Ninety Six Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited : Rs. 2,57,070-00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand And Seventy Only)

Kanakapura M G Road Branch, Opp Govt Maternity Hospital, Main Road, Kanakapura, Ramanagara - 562117
Contact No: 9449242800, Mail Id: ubin0911747@unionbankofindia.bank.in

2. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-Borrower And Guarantor:
1) Mr. Kumar S/o Puttanna, No. 3032/2122, No. 3031A/2121A, 1st Cross, Vivekananda Nagara, Kanakapura – 562117
2) Mrs. Ramya W/o Kumar, No. 3032/2122, No. 3031A/2121A, 1st Cross, Vivekananda Nagara, Kanakapura – 562117
Amount due : Rs. 7,42,154-00 as on 31-10-2025 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of The Residential House In The Name Of **Mr. Kumar,** Bearing Khatha No. 3032/2122, Khatha No 3031A/2121A, Near Sri Ganesh Temple, CMC Ward No 09, 1st Street, Vivekananda Nagara, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramangara Dist, **Measuring For Khatha No. 3032/2122: East-West: 10 feet & North-South : 30 feet, For Katha No 3032/2122 East-West : 10 feet, North-South: 30 feet, Total (300+300) = 600 Square feet, Bounded By For Katha No. 3032/2122 East:** Property Of Mr. Rajanna, **West:** Property Of Mr. Rajanna, **North:** Property Of Mahesh, **South:** Road, **For Khatha No. 3031/A/2121A, East:** Property Of Mr. Kumar, **West:** Property Of Mr. Mariyanna, **North:** Remaining Portion Of Rajanna, **Souht:** Road.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 12,51,693-00 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Three Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 1,25,169-00 (Rupees One Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred And Sixty Nine Only)

Ramanagara E-CB, Branch,#316, Ijoor, Near Bus Stand, Ramanagara – 571511
Contact no: - 080-27275035, Mail Id: ubin0910872@unionbankofindia.bank

3. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-Borrower And Guarantor:
1) M/s. S P R Silks, Proprietor : Sadiq Pasha, 1st Cross, Near Noorani Mosque, Yarab Nagar, Ramanagara - 571511.
2) Mr. Ziaulla, S/o Shafiulla, No. 3653, Mehaboob Nagar, Ramanagara. -571511
Amount due : Rs. 91,63,788-00 as on 31-10-2025 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of **Sadik Pasha,** Property Bearing No. 21/4, New No.789/21/4, Situated At Ward No.24/4, Kothipura Extension, Ramanagara, **Measuring East-West: 95 Feet, North-South: 40 Feet Total 3800 Square feet. Bounded On East:** Land Of Mukthar Pasha, **West:** Land Of Mukthar Pasha, **North:** Road, **South:** Government Halla.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 63,82,395-00 (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred And Ninety Five Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 6,38,240-00 (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred And Forty Only)

Date and time of E-Auction : Date: 28-11-2025 From 12.00 NOON to 5.00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction.
E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit : please refer to the link provided : https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx and www.unionbankofindia.co.in

Date : 09-11-2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Mysuru **Union Bank of India.**

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ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಆನಂದ್ ರಾವ್ ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 009
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DWCD/2025-26/SE0605 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.11.2025

ಸಮಗ್ರ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸೇವೆಗಳು (ICDS) ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಸಮಾರಂಭಕ್ಕೆ – Event Management ಸೇವೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
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1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.11.2025.
2. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.11.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.
3. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ:11.11.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
4. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.11.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.
5. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.11.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.05 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.
6. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.11.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.10 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳು (ಅ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ – ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು (ಆ) ರಾಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಲೆಟಿನ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ – ಉಪ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಕಲಚೇತನರ ಮತ್ತು ಹಿರಿಯ ನಾಗರಿಕರ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಇವರ ಬಳಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಐ.ಸಿ.ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.), ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಆನಂದ್ ರಾವ್ ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ (ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080-22353780) ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಜಿಪಿ/3682/ಜಿಪಿಎಲ್/2025–26 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No. 4286 OF 2023
WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF

JAYAMMA ... Petitioner(s)
VERSUS
AMMANAMMA AND OTHERS ... Respondent(s)

To,

1 CHANDRAKALA W/o Chandrashekhar D/o P.M. Shivarudraiah, Thattekere, Nidavanda Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District 562111, Karnataka — PID: 249557/2025 FOR R[4] IN SLP(C) NO.4286/2023 (SEC IV-A)

2 GEETHA D/o P.M. Shivarudrappa, Thattekere, Nidavanda Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District 562111, Karnataka — PID: 249558/2025 FOR R[6] IN SLP(C) NO.4286/2023 (SEC IV-A)

3 KRISHNAPPA, S/o Late Smt. Siddagangamma, R/o Kallanayakanahalli Village, Dabaspete Post, Nelamangala To, Bangalore Rural, District-Bangalore Rural, Karnataka — PID: 249559/2025 FOR R.[9.1] IN SLP(C) NO.4286/2023 (SEC IV-A)

4 DODDARAMAIAH S/o Siddaiah, Agalkuppa Dabaspet Nelamanagala Taluk. Bengaluru District 562211, District-Bangalore, Karnataka — PID: 249560/2025 FOR R[10] IN SLP(C) NO.4286/2023 (SEC IV-A)

5 CHIKKARAMAIAH, S/o Late Dalamma Agalakuppe Dabbaspete Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist-562111, District-Bangalore Rural, Karnataka — PID: 249561/2025 FOR R[11.3] IN SLP(C) NO.4286/2023 (SEC IV-A)

WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by **Ms. SURBHI MEHTA,** Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 24th February, 2023, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order.- **"Delay condoned.**

Issue notice returnable within four weeks. "

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before Ld. Registrar's Court on **13th October, 2025,** When the following order was passed:-

Opportunity of respondent No.1 to file counter affidavit has already been declined. Respondent No.12.1 has failed to file counter affidavit, despite the grant of last opportunity. Hence, further opportunity to file the same is hereby declined.

Ld. Counsel for the petitioner has filed an application seeking substituted service on respondent Nos.4, 6, 9.1, 10 and 11.3 through paper publication. Newspapers mentioned therein are "Vijaya Karnataka", local language and "The Hindu", English language. Application is hereby allowed. Four weeks' time is granted to Ld. Counsel for the petitioner to file proof of publication.

Ld. Advocate, Mr. Utkarsh Singh, appearing on behalf of Mr. Vikrant Singh Bais, Advocate-on-record has entered appearance for respondent No.9.1, on whom service was incomplete and has submitted that vakalatnama has already been filed. Registry to verify and update the records. Time has been sought by the Ld. counsel to file counter affidavit. Let the same be filed within four weeks.

Service is complete on the remaining respondents, but none has entered appearance.

List again on 21.11.2025. "

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why delay in refiling SLP be not condoned and Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed before the Court in due course.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice or not later than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated:17th October, 2025.

Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

DOCUMENT LOST

"My client **FATHIMABI** W/o Late Dasthagir Khan, has lost document bearing No 1243/79-80, dated 07-08-1978 which was registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Hoskote with respect of land bearing Survey No : 29 measuring 10 Guntas situated at KUMBENAAGRAHARA Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Public who find the above document shall be handed over to her to the below address.

FATHIMABI
W/o Late Dasthagir Khan,
Residing at No.212, KMJ Mansion,
New Manjunatha Layout,
Vijinapura, Bangalore -560016

N. K. RAVINDRA, Advocate
Oil Mill Road, behind Indian Bank
K R Puram, Bangalore -560036

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client namely, **Mr. ANANDA.V,** S/o. Venkatachalaiah, Aged about 38 years, R/o: No. 120, Near Maramma Temple, Chikkahosahalli Village, Thammanayakanahalli Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru- 562 106 is the absolute owners in possession and enjoyment of the residential SITE property bearing **Site No54, assessment No. 1652,** measuring East to West : 40 feets and North to South : 30 feets in all measuring 1200 Sq. feets of site formed in converted land bearing Sy No. 16 of Hompalaghatta Village, Sy No. 70/10, 70/11 and 70/12 of Muthaghatti Village and Sy No.166/5 of Anekal Village. The above said property originally belongs to Mr. P. Pulla Rao and P. Anjinaya Reddy, who are sold the same in favour of one Mr. Rajesh Thakur S/o S.N. Thakur Under registered sale deed dated. 17.08.2005 vide registered document No. ANK-1-06884/2005-06 registered in the office of Sub registrar, Anekal. In turn my client purchased the same. The katha of the above said property is also transferred and stands in my client's name. My client on 15.10.2025 he has lost the original registered sale deed dated. 17.08.2005 (vide registered document No. ANK-1-06884/2005-06 registered in the office of Sub registrar, Anekal. After that, inspite of his best efforts and thorough search, he could not trace out the same. And in this regard on 04.11.2025 my client lodged police complaint vide lost report NO. 1884589/2025 if anybody finds the above said original document/ original registered sale deed dated. 17.08.2005 it is requested to hand over the same to my client or to my below mentioned address.

MALLIKARJUNA.B.K, Advocate,
Office at, No. 1, 1st floor, Mahadeshwara complex, Attibele road, Anekal Town,
Bangalore District- 562106. M : 9482018477
Email : mbkadd@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client proposes to purchase the property described in the Schedule from it's owner **Smt. MANJUSHREE** W/o. N.Narayanaswamy, Aged about 43 years, Residing at No.3 Simhadri Nilaya 2nd Main, 5th cross, N.G.F. Layout Behind Narayan School, Mallathahalli Bangalore- 560072. If any persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their written objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within seven days from the date of this publication and objections/ claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that the piece and parcel of the site bearing **No.3**, formed out of Land bearing **Sy.No.103/7A2,** converted for non agricultural residential purpose, vide official memorandum bearing **No. ALN/(NY)SR:19/10-11, dated 13.08.2010,** presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.129, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, consisting of residential building having built up area of 3900 square feet, constructed on the site measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, and bounded on: **East by:** 20 Feet Road, **West by:** Property belongs to A.T.Anand in Sy No.103/7A2, **North by:** Site No.4, **South by :** Site No.2

Date: 09.11.2025 Place: Bangalore
(N. HANUMANTHAPPA)
Advocate & Consultant
Off. #155, 1st Floor,
Next to NMH Diagonal Road,
V.V. Puram, Bangalore – 560004.
Mobile No.9741077598

From Page One

Video shows serial rapist using phones inside prison

Despite being kept with other convicts in the regular cell block, recent videos showing Reddy using two Android smartphones and a keypad phone inside the jail have gone viral.

Another video

Another video purportedly shows Tarun Raju, an accused in the gold smuggling case, using a mobile phone and even cooking food within the prison.

Another video shows Juhad Hameed Shakeel, a wanted ISIS operative lodged at the prison, purportedly enjoying facilities inside the jail with access to a smartphone.

The allegations have triggered outrage and raised serious concerns about lapses within the State's central jail system. The local residents have complained that the strong network jammers installed around the prison have disrupted their mobile signal, even as inmates appear to use phones without restriction.

The police officers were not available for comment to verify the veracity of the videos.

Chief Minister Siddarmaiah, when asked about the videos, said he was not aware of them and that he would enquire with the officials.

Motherhood should bring neither shame nor trophy: Expert

"Motherhood today is a performance," she said. "We curate milestones and internalise unrealistic standards of care. The result is a generation of women burning out while trying to be 'good mothers'."

She stressed that maternal mental health cannot be discussed in isolation. "We have to talk about fathers, childcare, policy and social support," she said.

The panel also examined the paradox of agency among modern women. "Many confident professionals surrender control during childbirth out of fear or guilt. Motherhood is one of the most celebrated roles, but also one of the most regulated," the panelists added.

What is your 'gut feeling' about mental health?

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

That 'gut feeling' may be more than a figure of speech. Researchers now say the trillions of microbes living in our digestive tract constantly communicate with the brain - influencing not just how we digest food, but also how we think, feel, and respond to stress.

At a session on the 'Gut-Brain Connect' held during the ongoing Manotsava, the mental health festival in Bengaluru, experts discussed how emerging research is validating what traditional wisdom has long believed - that good digestion is the foundation of good health, both physical and emotional.

The panel, moderated by health and lifestyle coach Nandita Iyer, featured microbiome researcher Yogesh Shouche from SKAN Research Trust, fermentation expert Payal Shah of Kobo Fermentary, and Megha from the University of Transdisciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU).

Second brain

Prof. Shouche described the gut as a 'second brain' that hosts trillions of microorganisms working in tandem with the body's nervous and immune systems.

"These microbes produce neurotransmitters such as serotonin and dopamine- the same chemicals that influence our mood and behaviour," he said. "Through the gut-brain axis, there is a constant two-way communication between what we eat and how we feel."

Visitors at a stall during 'Manotsava', a mental health festival, in Bengaluru on Saturday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

He explained that modern lifestyles - dominated by processed food, stress, and antibiotics - disrupt the microbial diversity essential for mental and metabolic balance. "Our gut thrives on variety. A diverse diet of fibres, grains, and fermented foods helps maintain microbial harmony," he said.

Fermentation expert Payal Shah spoke about the revival of traditional food practices as a natural route to better gut health. "Fermented foods are living ecosystems," she said. "They introduce beneficial bacteria that improve digestion, boost immunity, and even help stabilise mood."

From idli and dosa batter to curd and pickles, Indian kitchens have always nurtured microbial life, she said. "Our grandmothers understood this instinctively - a spoon of home-made curd or a sip of buttermilk after a meal kept the gut balanced. Today, science is explaining why that wisdom worked."

She also cautioned against commercial shortcuts. "Store-bought probiotics or imported ferments cannot replicate the complexity of home-made foods. Every region's traditional ferment - be it kanji, appam batter, or kombucha - carries microbes suited to its local environment and climate," she said.

Tambuli

Highlighting how traditional systems like Ayurveda have long linked digestion with emotional balance, Dr. Megha shared examples from her fieldwork documenting traditional foods of Karnataka. "Take tambuli, for instance- a drink made of buttermilk and local greens. It is a clever chemistry of probiotics from curd and bioactive compounds from plants, all in a tasty, easy-to-digest form."

She said integrative health research is now bridging that gap between traditional concepts and molecular evidence.

Myths

With the explosion of wellness trends online, the panelists warned against exaggerated claims. "There is a myth that one probiotic pill or supplement can fix your gut or your mood. That is not true. Microbiomes are highly individual and shaped by our genes, diets, and environment. What works for someone in Delhi may not suit someone in Bengaluru," said Prof. Shouche.

Over 130 speakers

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Manotsava, co-hosted by Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies (RNP), NIMHANS and the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), was inaugurated on Saturday in the presence of Rohini Nilekani, Chairperson - Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies; Pratima Murthy, Director - NIMHANS; and L.S. Shashidhara, Centre Director - NCBS.

The festival has brought together over 130 speakers across 26 panels and discussions, 23 workshops, and 32 stalls alongside photo exhibitions, a dedicated kids zone, a digital detox zone, and a live performance by the Indian folk rock band, Swarathma.

The keynote talks featured Richard J. Davidson (William James and Vilas Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison), Rohini Nilekani, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (Executive Chairperson and Founder of Biocon Limited) and Nithin Kamath (CEO - Zerodha and Rainmatter).

12-day cultural festival

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To mark its 60th anniversary, the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bengaluru Kendra, is hosting a 12-day cultural festival titled *'Santhavani'* from Sunday, at Khincha Hall, Racecourse Road.

The festival celebrates India's spiritual and cultural legacy through the works of poets, saints, and philosophers who promoted inclusivity and artistic expression.

From Monday to Friday, a film festival will feature devotional classics, followed by lectures, music, dance, drama, and a book exhibition from November 15 to 21. Entry is free, with prior registration via the website or email at santvanibvbblr@gmail.com by Monday.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, NOV. 09	
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MONDAY, NOV. 10	
RISE 06:16	SET 17:51
RISE 22:48	SET 11:08
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RISE 06:16	SET 17:51
RISE 23:46	SET 12:00

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	24
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	28	19

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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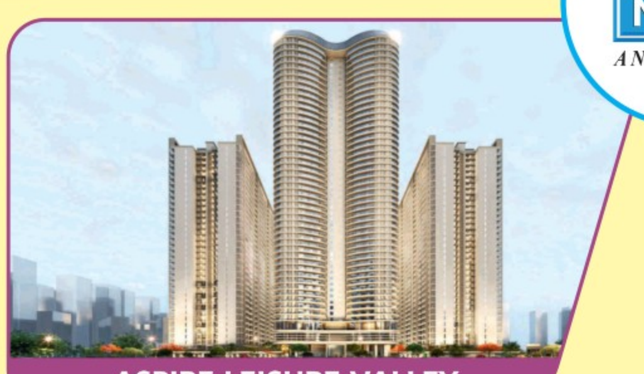
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ECI is part of 'electoral list fraud', say CM and DKS

Congress has collected 1.12 crore signatures against 'vote theft' and the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee will take them to Delhi on November 10: Deputy Chief Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Alleging that the Election Commission of India (ECI) was part of the "electoral list fraud", the Congress has announced that 1.12 crore signatures had been collected from the State as part of the signature campaign against "vote theft" launched by the All India Congress Committee.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar held a joint press conference at the party office and alleged that the Central government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had destroyed all constitutional institutions, including the ECI and probe agencies. All institutions had been functioning as per the directions of the BJP government at the Centre, they charged.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar during a press conference in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Both leaders explained the methodology used for vote rigging in the State and alleged that the BJP had a proven record "not only in telling lies but also in vote rigging."

"We will not tolerate this. We will take the path of struggle to protect the values of democracy and the Constitution," the Chief Minister said.

'Rahul has exposed it'

They alleged that the BJP had come to power in many States and the Lok Sabha through vote rigging. Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi had convinced the people of the country about vote rigging that had taken place in Haryana with documents after investigation, both the leaders said.

Mr. Gandhi had also clearly exposed the vote rigging that took place in the Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha seat, along with documents, the Congress leaders said.

Mr. Shivakumar said, "We have collected signatures from the districts in the State. The campaign went off very well, and we have collected 1.12 crore signatures."

The KPCC had decided to take the signatures to Delhi on November 10. The party had planned a massive rally at Ram Lila Maidan there on November 25, he said.

The Congress government had decided to hold elections to local bodies through ballot papers, Mr. Shivakumar added.

Aland case

"There were attempts to remove 6,000 votes from the Aland Assembly constituency. Attempts were made to remove the voters from the list using mobile phone numbers from other States. A Special Investigation Team probe was going on," he said.

Asked why the party had not moved court or submitted an affidavit to the ECI, he said, "We are seeking supplementary documents from the poll panel but they are not giving. Let them provide the documents and then we will submit an affidavit."

"It is our duty to create awareness about vote theft. We are appointing booth level agents for all booths to prevent vote theft," the KPCC chief said.

Asked if he would investigate election fraud in the Mahadevapura constituency, he said, "The government does not have to investigate this. The ECI is in charge of the entire process. We have provided evidence."

Joshi writes to CM, suggests SAP for sugarcane like in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Responding to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's letter on the sugarcane price issue, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi has written back suggesting that Karnataka announce State Advisory Price (SAP) like in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, and Haryana.

Pralhad Joshi FILE PHOTO

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who has been urging the Centre to help agitating farmers by hiking the fair and remunerative price (FRP), which is fixed by the Centre, on Friday announced an additional ₹100 (now ₹3,300 per tonne), with the State government and factory owners paying ₹50 each.

The Chief Minister has been taunting MPs from Karnataka for not speaking up for the State's farmers and urging the Centre to hike FRP.

CACP recommendation

Mr. Joshi, in his letter, said that the Central government fixed the FRP of sugarcane for every sugar season (October-September) on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

"The approved FRP of ₹355 per quintal for 2025-26 covers the cost of production for all sugarcane-producing States and gives a margin of 105.2% over the cost of production. With each increase of recovery by 0.1%, farmers will get additional ₹3.46 per quintal. At average recovery of 10.5% in Karnataka, FRP will be ₹363 per quintal. There has been appreciable increase in FRP in the past decade," he said in the letter.

The Union Minister said that the powers for enforcing the provisions of the Sugarcane Control (Order), 1966, to ensure timely payment to the farmers within 14 days was vested with the State governments and the Karnataka government could announce SAP like in U.P., Uttarakhand, Punjab, and Haryana.

Mr. Joshi said that the Union government had, under various schemes, provided financial assistance of about ₹16,500 crore during 2014-15 to 2020-21 to sugar mills to enable them to clear the cane dues of farmers. To address the problem of excess sugar, the Centre had been encouraging sugar mills to utilise excess sugarcane to ethanol.

Ethanol blending

"Till year 2013, supply of ethanol to oil marketing companies (OMCs) was only 38 crore litres with blending levels of only 1.53%, which has now been increased to about 1,001 crore litres with 20% blending... Allocation of ethanol to distilleries in Karnataka has increased from 85 crore litres in ESY (Ethanol Supply Year) 2022-23 to 133 crore litres in 2025-26," he said.

Listing out several initiatives of the Centre, the Union Minister said that the Centre had allowed sugar mills to export more periodically to manage surplus sugar in the country, while on the other hand, cane payment was now being paid on time to farmers.

You are ignoring core issue, Siddaramaiah hits back at Centre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Responding to Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, who had written to him listing out how the Centre's policies had helped both sugarcane growers and sugar factory owners, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah expressed "deep disappointment" that the Central government continued to "evade the core issue".

> I urge you, as a senior Union Minister from Karnataka, to raise your voice not against your own people but for your people
>
> **SIDDARAMAIAH,** Chief Minister

Countering Mr. Joshi, who had asked Karnataka to fix State Advisory Price (SAP), Mr. Siddaramaiah accused him of ignoring the central issue of the widening gap between the cost of cultivation and the price realisation of sugarcane.

"The Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) fixed by the Central government at ₹355 per quintal at 10.25% recovery is being projected as a major achievement, with claims of a 105.2% margin over cost of production. This claim, unfortunately, is a farce. Every farmer in Karnataka knows that since 2014, the cost of fertilizers, labour, transportation, and other inputs have more than doubled, while the FRP has increased at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of just 4.47%, from ₹210 per quintal in 2014 to ₹355 today.

Moreover, the FRP was not increased for two consecutive years during the NDA regime, which resulted in severe losses for farmers, each of those years causing an average loss of ₹20 per quintal to the growers," he said.

The Chief Minister also raised questions about ethanol blending and the increased ethanol procurement as claimed by Mr. Joshi, with the "reality remaining far from what is being projected". The Chief Minister also sought mill-wise data on support extended in Karnataka's sugar factories.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also questoned why none of the Union Ministers from Karnataka attended the meeting held on November 7.

"I urge you, as a senior Union Minister from Karnataka, to raise your voice not against your own people but for your people," said Mr. Siddaramaiah in his reply to Mr. Joshi.

Sugarcane growers were on strike in Belagavi and other districts of North Karnataka seeking ₹3,500 per tonne of cane. FILE PHOTO

GO issued for fixing cane price

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Saturday issued an order fixing ₹3,300 per tonne of sugarcane with a recovery rate at 11.25% and ₹3,200 for a tonne of cane with a recovery rate at 10.25%.

The order was issued after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's extensive discussions with sugar factory owners and farmers' representatives on Friday.

Sugarcane growers were on strike in Belagavi and other districts of north Karnataka seeking ₹3,500 per tonne of cane.

Of the ₹3,300 per tonne of sugarcane, ₹3,250 will be paid by factory owners and ₹50 by the government.

Similarly, for sugarcane with a recovery rate at 10.25%, factory owners would pay ₹3,150 and the government would pay ₹50 (total ₹3,200), the order said.

ED attaches Congress MLA Sail's property worth ₹21 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Thursday provisionally attached immovable properties worth ₹21 crore belonging to Karwar MLA Satish Krishna Sail and others in connection with a money laundering case linked to the alleged illegal export of iron ore fines.

Satish Sail FILE PHOTO

Mining racket

According to the ED, the attached properties are held in the name of M/s Shree Mallikarjun Shipping Pvt. Ltd. (SMSPL), a Goa-based company, owned by Mr. Satish Sail. The case originates from an illegal mining and export racket detected at Belekeri Port in 2010.

As per the chargesheet filed by ED, officials from the Forest Department visited Belekeri Port on March 15, 2010, and discovered a large stockpile of iron ore stored without valid permits or passes issued by the departments of Mines and Geology and Forest. Around five lakh tonnes of iron ore fines were seized at the time.

During its probe, the ED found that Mr. Sail, managing Director of SMSPL, claimed to have purchased about 1.54 lakh tonnes of the seized iron ore from various suppliers. However, the agency alleged that he, in collusion with the port conservator, illegally exported the ore to China.

To conceal the proceeds of the crime, Mr. Sail allegedly layered the transactions through a company opened in Hong Kong, said the ED.

Earlier, the agency had conducted searches across Karnataka, Goa, Delhi, and Mumbai, covering 15 premises.

As per the ED chargesheet, officials visited Belekeri Port in 2010, and discovered a large stockpile of iron ore stored without valid permits or passes

During the operation, the ED arrested Mr. Sail and seized cash and gold worth ₹8 crore from his possession. He was granted interim medical bail, which was later cancelled by the Special Court on November 7, 2025.

Attached assets

The attached assets include 12,500 sq m of open land in Chicalim village, Mormugao; 16,850 sq m of agricultural land known as Pedro Galle Cotta in Mormugao taluk, and commercial premises spanning the first to fifth floors of Our Lady of Merces Building, opposite Kadamba Bus Stand, Vasco da Gama, Goa.

State to introduce AI as part of reforms for district judiciary

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

As the use of artificial intelligence (AI) spreads across sectors, the Karnataka government is coming up with a legislation to allow use of AI to streamline the justice delivery system in the district judiciary.

This is expected to enhance speed, accuracy, transparency, accessibility and objectivity in judicial process.

The implementation of AI will be a coordinated effort between the State government and the Karnataka High Court under the proposed "Karnataka District Judiciary Reforms Bill, 2025", which covers other aspects of judiciary reforms too. The legislation will allow AI to be implemented in case filing and registration, case management, legal research assistance, document processing and predictive analytics for administration.

The legislation will allow AI to be implemented in case filing and registration and case management, among others. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

With fast track courts

The AI-driven measure is proposed along with the proposed establishment of fast track courts. Cases involving farmers, unemployed, job deprived people, agrarian disputes including land, agricultural loans, crop insurance and tenancy issues, is proposed to be transferred to fast track courts that are expected to dispose of cases within 12 months.

"The Bill had come before the Cabinet but had been deferred. The Finance Department is yet to give approval for setting up of proposed fast track courts. It is likely to be tabled in the ensuing Winter Session of the Legislature," a government source said.

According to sources, the district judiciary reforms had been pending for sometime, and that Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil had taken interest by holding consultation before the draft was formulated. "The legislation will be in line with latest technology development, but with enough safeguards," the source said.

Safeguards

As part of the safeguard against the misuse, the proposed legislation bars district judiciary from using AI system to predict, recommend or influence the outcome of judicial decision and AI inputs cannot be treated as evidence or legal opinion. To ensure data protection and confidentiality, the AI system to be used should comply with standards of data security, privacy and confidentiality that will be prescribed by the High Court. The proposed legislation bars sharing of any personal or sensitive judicial data with any external agency without the High Court's approval. The AI digital audit trail will be maintained, and the High Court will prepare and lay before the legislature an annual AI utilisation and impact report, the Bill says.

As per the proposed provision, the High Court will constitute an artificial intelligence and judicial innovation committee to oversee deployment, ethical use and periodic auditing of AI tools in the justice delivery system. To impart training, the Karnataka Judicial Academy will have training modules in AI literacy, digital ethics and technology assisted adjudication.

Other reforms

The Bill also seeks to establish Bureau of District Judicial Reforms, a permanent body that will review and recommend reforms in recruitment, training, infrastructure, case management and performance evaluation. Among others, it will recommend integration of technology such as AI assisted screening, to expedite selection of judges, prepare list of vacancy every year and anticipated vacancy for four years.

The Bill also proposes the State government to take up construction of at least 500 new court halls and 300 residential units for judicial officers by 2050 in underserved taluks.

Regulation of adjournments and norms for injunction

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To prevent unnecessary adjournments, Civil Procedure Code Karnataka Amendment Act, 2025, is proposed to be adhered to strictly. As per the provision of the proposed Bill, adjournments must be requested in writing with reasons, and if the reasons are found to be frivolous, the court could impose a minimum fine of ₹5,000. Repeated adjournments will be flagged and annual report on adjournment rates per court will be generated and submitted to the High Court. Judges with low adjournment rate will be eligible for performance incentive.

The Bill also lays down guidelines for passing injunctions and stay orders in cases involving public interest and safety.

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Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat delivering a lecture on '100 Years of Sangh Journey: New Horizons' in Bengaluru on Saturday. ANI

'There is no 'Ahindu' in India, as everyone is a descendant of same ancestors'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

When questions are raised about why RSS focuses on Hindu society, the answer is that Hindus are responsible for Bharat, says Mohan Bhagwat

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday said that there is no "Ahindu" (non-Hindu) in India, as everyone is a descendant of the same ancestors, and the core culture of the country is Hindu.

Mr. Bhagwat argued that all Muslims and Christians are descendants of the same ancestors. "They probably don't know it, or they are made to forget it," he added, while delivering a lecture on "100 Years of Sangh Journey: New Horizons" in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Hindus were "responsible" for Bharat, he said, asserting that the RSS aimed to organise Hindu society for the glory of the nation, not for power.

"It just wants to serve, organise society for the glory of Bharat Mata. Somehow, in our country, people found it very hard to believe, but now they believe," the RSS chief said.

He said that when questions were raised about why RSS focused on Hindu society, the answer was that Hindus were responsible for Bharat.

"It is not that the British gave us nationhood; we are an ancient nation. Everywhere in the world, people agree that every nation has its core culture. There are many inhabitants, but there is a core culture. What is the core culture of Bharat? Whatever description we give, it leads us to the word Hindu," he said.

Row in Kerala over RSS song recital aboard Vande Bharat

Chief Minister condemns the incident, terming it a violation of Constitutional principles; Southern Railway deletes video following sharp criticism; Congress and DYFI register protest

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The flag-off ceremony of the Ernakulam-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express in Kerala has led to a political controversy, with the Southern Railway posting a video of schoolchildren singing a song associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) aboard the train during its maiden journey. The video was deleted following criticism from various corners.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan marked his protest against the incident, terming it a violation of Constitutional principles.

The video of a group of students singing a Malayalam song, usually sung at RSS meetings , was posted by the Southern Railway on its official social media accounts terming it a 'patriotic song'.

Controversial ride: Schoolchildren click a selfie with leaders on board the Vande Bharat Express. THULASI KAKKAT

Mr. Vijayan took strong exception to the incident, saying the act by the Southern Railway was highly condemnable. "The inclusion of a song of the RSS, which frequently exudes communal hatred and divisive politics, in an official function of the government is a violation of Constitutional principles. It is unacceptable that the Sangh Parivar is using even Railways... to propagate its communal politics," he said.

Congress seeks probe

All India Congress Committee general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, MP, demanded an investigation into the incident, calling it 'politicisation' of the event.

The Kerala wing of the Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) also protested against the incident. The Southern Railway has not responded to the controversy.

Polygraph test to be held to solve gold case

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A magistrate's court in Kerala has allowed the police to conduct a polygraph (lie detector) test on at least 10 staff members regarding the allegedly suspicious recovery of a 13-sovereign gold rod used for soldering work, which was reported missing from the Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple for a few days in May.

The police had sought permission for the test to resolve gaps in the case. Officials said the court mandated that the police seek the subjects' voluntary consent and request that they make a statement before the magistrate.

The gold rod issued to temple smiths for minor works was reported missing in May. The investigation lost momentum after a search team found the rod within the temple's precincts.

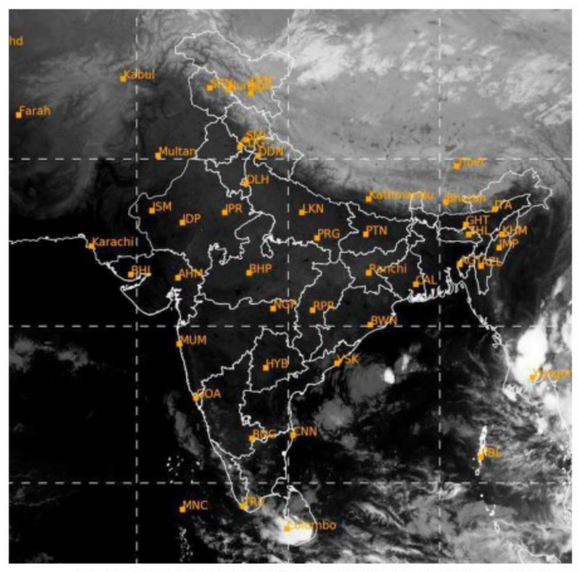
Three killed as car rams bikes in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
KAKINADA

Three persons died on the spot and three others sustained injuries on Saturday when a car rammed into three two-wheelers on the national highway near Somavaram village under the Kirlampudi police limits in Kakinada district. The car, which was heading towards Rajamahendravaram from Visakhapatnam, reportedly suffered a tyre burst, leading to the accident. It later crashed into a bus stop, which fortunately had no one present at the time. The deceased were identified as Mortha Ananda Kumar, Kakada Raju, and Mortha Kondayya – all natives of Kakinada district. The injured, identified as Bathina Bhadram, Kondrapu Chaitanya, and Cheepurupalli Phanisri, are undergoing treatment at the Government General Hospital in Kakinada.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Ahmedabad	—	31.2	14.7	Kurnool	—	33.2	21.1
Aizawl	3	29.0	18.7	Lucknow	—	29.5	13.8
Allahabad	—	29.8	12.0	Madurai	—	34.5	24.6
Bengaluru	—	27.6	19.3	Mangaluru	—	29.4	22.9
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Jaipur	—	29.0	13.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.1	24.6
Kochi	—	30.0	25.0	Tiruchi	—	33.3	25.4
Kohima	—	25.0	16.6	Vijayawada	—	32.4	24.0
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Chennai	...5	6	34	... 185	...106	
Delhi	.20	..86	95	... 417	...424	
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Kolkata	...8	..24	22	... 185	...138	
Lucknow	.10	..46	26	... 161	...259	
Mumbai	...5	..89	15	... 138	...122	
Pune	...4	..46	59	... 106	...135	
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Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Rohtak, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 374 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Udupi, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SALE DEED LOST

I, Malatesh B S/o Hanumanthachari R/at No.32, 12th A Cross, Gangamma Garden, Malagala Main Road, Nagarabhavi 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560 072 do hereby solemnly state that, Absolute Sale Deed with Document No.370/1998-99, of Book-I, dated 16.04.1998, pertaining to property bearing Site No.50, Katha No.811 situated at PNB Layout, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru, registered at Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru is lost. I have raised a complaint with Bengaluru City Police on 29.10.2025 and have obtained Lost Report No.1873326/2025. I further state that above given details are true to my knowledge vide affidavit dated 05.11.2025 sworn to Notary.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/156/2025
Dated : 04-11-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Conducting Final location survey for New line between Shivamogga - Sringeri - Mangaluru (332 km), Talguppa - Honnavara (95 km), Almatti - Yadgir (162 km) and Bhadravathi - Chikjajur (73 km). **(Tender Ref. No. SWR-FLS-RATE-CONTRACT-03)**	Rs. 33,52,62,609/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 15-12-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/623/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26
Download the UTS Mobile App from Google Play Store for ease of booking of unreserved tickets
South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY @SWRAILWAYHQ @sw_railways

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar - 841221

Open E-Tender Notice No.: RWP/ STORES/WORKS/ADVT/25-26/10, Dated: 04.11.2025. Tender No.: S_ RWP_TPT_ERC_25-26_01A, Due on 05.12.2025 "Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites online "e-Open Tender" through Indian Railways E-Procurement Portal (IREPS) www.ireps.gov.in for transportation of Scrap. **1. Name of Work with its Location, Qty and Completion Period:** Collection, Loading & Transportation of Elastic Rail Clips (ERC), qty. 3500MT from various locations of Indian Railways to Rail Wheel Plant Bela, Saran, Bihar-841221 under distance slab 0-500KM (taking average lead distance 250 Km.) **Note:** Unloading at Destination shall be done by Railways. **Completion Period:** 12 months from the date of issuance of LOA. **2. Approx. Cost of the Work:** Rs. 55,30,000.00 **3. Earnest Money to be Deposited:** Rs. 1,10,600/- **4. Tender Closing Date and Time:** 05.12.2025 up to 14:15 hrs. **5. Website Particulars, Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.:** For full details and submission of bid kindly visit Portal (IREPS) www.ireps.gov.in. The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS Portal (www.ireps.gov.in) for updates including Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such any notice/ information concerned that shall be published in newspaper.

For PCMM/RWP/Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT/2025-26/75

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: 23/2025/SBC
Dated : 04-11-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the Supply of following items.

Description in brief : Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Control Transformer as per RDSO Specification. **(Tender No. L8256585) (Qty : 1050 Nos)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs on 03-12-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/620/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Bengaluru**
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South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY @SWRAILWAYHQ @sw_railways

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas my client **Srmt. C. SOUBHAGYA** W/o Sri. H. P. Narayana Aged about 69 years, Residing at No. 348/1, Veena Nilaya, Near Jai Lakshmi Saamill, Guthala, MANDYA DISTRICT-571463, she intending to purchase the under mentioned property hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the `Schedule Property' from **1) Smt. N. NAGALAKSHMI** W/o Late. K.T. Keshavamurthy aged about 62 Years, **2) Sri. CHIRANJEEVI K.N.** S/o Late. K.T. Keshavamurthy aged about 26 Years, **3) Smt. JHONSI LAKSHMI K.N.** D/o Late. K.T. Keshavamurthy aged about 32 Years, all are Residing at No.174, Mahalakshmi Nilaya, 1st Main Road, Mysore Road, A.R. Compound, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018, who claims to be the legal heirs and absolute owners of the **'Schedule Property'**.Any other person/s who have any kind of right, claims, interest, over the 'Schedule Property' are herewith called upon to file their claims before the undersigned within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of their notice 'Kannada and English' News Paper with the relevant and concerned documents. If no such claim is filed within the given time my client shall proceed and purchase the 'Schedule Property' as 'no claims subsisting'.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF Immovable Residential Property bearing **Old No.118/147, and No. 38, Corporation No. 174, Situated at 1st Cross Road, Anantharamaiah Compound, Mysore Road, Bangalore,** Division No. 45, Presently the said property coming under purview of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, BBMP Ward No.140-Chamarajpet, **PID No. 45-1-174, E-Khata No. 1098964517, Measuring : East to West: 60-0 (Sixty) Feet and North to South : 30-0 (Thirty) Feet, totally measuring 1800 Square Feet, together with 31 Squares of RCC Roofed Residential Building** comprising of Ground, First, Second and Third Floor, and bounded on the : **East by:** 25' Wide Road, **West by:** House built in Old Site No. **North by:** House Built in Old Site No. 37, **South by:** House Built in Old Site No. 39.

B. C. KEERTHI KISHORE
ADVOCATE
Office: No.13, 3rd Cross, 8th Main, Jayanagar 1st Block East, BDA Layout, Bangalore-560 011
Ph. No. 9986466139 / 080-22449640
Place: Bangalore Date: 09-11-2025

INSTITUTE OF LIVER & BILIARY SCIENCES (ILBS)
Deemed-to-be-University

Advertisement ILBS Academic 03/2025
Entrance Examination for Ph.D/PDCC/PGCC/ Fellowship and Certificate Courses

Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS) is an autonomous super-specialty institute of excellence under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Deemed-to-be-University status was conferred to ILBS by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 3 of the UGC Act 1956. Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS) is running National Medical Commission (NMC) recognized super-specialty Post-Doctoral Degree Courses in Hepatobiliary.
The Institute is inviting application for the entrance examination for following Ph.D, PDCC, PGCC, Fellowship and Certificate courses for the academic session starting from 01st January 2026, as per the details given on the Institute's website https://www.ilbs.in

S. No.	Name of the Course	Seats
1.	Ph.D in Molecular and Cellular Medicine (NET qualified with JRF Fellowship)	10#
2.	Ph.D in Molecular and Cellular Medicine (NET qualified without JRF Fellowship)	05##
3.	Ph.D in Virology	01#
4.	Ph.D in Epidemiology of Viral Hepatitis & Liver Diseases	01#
5.	Ph.D Clinical Nutrition	01#
6.	Ph.D Hepatology	01#
7.	PDCC Organ Transplant Anaesthesia	02+01*
8.	PDCC in Interventional Radiology	02+01*
9.	PDCC in Hepatopathology	02+01*
10.	PDCC in Advanced Dialysis Therapy	02+01*
11.	PDCC in Transplant Virology	02+01*
12.	PDCC in Diagnostic Virology	02+01*
13.	PDCC Critical Care Medicine	02+01*
14.	PDCC in GI Medical Oncology	02+01*
15.	PDCC in HPB and GI Advanced Radiation Oncology	02+01*
16.	PDCC in Gastro Radiology	02+01*
17.	PDCC in Blood Banking & Immunohaematology	02+01*
18.	PDCC in Advanced Diagnostic and Clinical Microbiology	02+01*
19.	PDCC in Apheresis Technology and Blood Component Therapy	02+01*
20.	PDCC in Cellular Transplant Immunology	01
21.	PDCC in Hepatology	02
22.	PDCC in Advanced Clinical Biochemistry	02
23.	PDCC Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine	01+01*
24.	PDCC in Hepato-Hematology	01
25.	Fellowship in Advanced Hepatology	02
26.	PGCC in Clinical Nutrition	02~
27.	PGCC in Epidemiology of Viral Hepatitis and Liver Diseases	01~
28.	PGCC in Clinical Research in Liver Diseases	02~
29.	PGCC in Clinical Bioinformatics	02^
30.	PGCC in Dialysis Therapy	01+01*~
31.	Critical Care Certification Course	02
32.	Certificate Course in Biostatistics	02

* Sponsored Seat
~ PGCC course - One year duration
^ PGCC course- 06 months duration
#NET qualified candidates with JRF Fellowship (Category-1 as per UGC NET)
NET qualified candidates without JRF Fellowship (Category-2 & 3 as per UGC NET). Fellowship will be met from the project funds.
The NET qualified candidates are exempted from written examination and directly eligible to appear in Departmental Assessment / Interview.

Last Date to apply: 04.12.2025. Please visit website http://www.ilbs.in for detailed Advertisement

Controller of Examination

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/EPC/153/2025
Dated : 31-10-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Construction of Proposed Doubling of Track including Signal & Tele Communication, Electrification of New line & Upgradation of OHE of Existing line & Electrical General Service works between Toranagallu (incl.) and Ranajitpura (excl.) (21.460 km). **(Tender Ref. No: TNGL-RNJP-EPC-01)**	Rs. 314,62,71,018/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 30-01-2026**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/618/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26
Download the UTS Mobile App from Google Play Store for ease of booking of unreserved tickets
South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY @SWRAILWAYHQ @sw_railways

BEFORE THE HONORABLE MUNSIFF'S COURT, PEERMADE
O.S.No.221/2019

Full Name and Address of Plaintiff:
Dr. Sudeep Kurian Thomas, aged 65 years,
S/o Dr.K.M.Thomas, Kollamala House, Kollampattada Kara, KumilyVillage
Full Name and Address of Defendants:
1. Jobish Thomas, aged about 45 Years, S/o T.T.Thomas, #207, S.R.OAKWOODS, Horamavu Main Road, Horamavu Post, Jayan Nagar Circle, Bangalore - 560 043
2. Jeslin Mereena Ben, W/o Jobish Thomas,
#207, S.R. OAKWOODS, Horamavu Main Road, Horamavu Post, Jayan Nagar Circle, Bangalore -560 043
Whereas the above-named plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendants for realization of money. Summons was duly issued to the defendants, however, the defendants have not yet appeared before this Court nor submitted any dispute or statement in respect of the said case.
Therefore, the defendants are hereby required to appear before this Honorable Court either in person or through an Advocate on **14.11.2025 at11.00 am**, failing which the suit will be heard and decided exparte in your absence.
Dated this the 6th Day of November 2025.
S/d
BY ORDER
Junior Superintendent
By Order
Sd/-
Advocate: Shaiju Xavier.K.
(Counsel for Plaintiff)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

ARM Branch– II
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Telephone numbers 080-25310099, 080-25310181
E-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) that the below described movable property/ies hypothecated to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken in exercise of the power conferred under the hypothecation agreement by **ARM-2 Branch, Canara Bank, Bangalore,** will be sold on **"as is where is", "as is what is", and "whatever there is"** basis on **28.11.2025, 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM**, against the total liability of **Rs. 5,22,44,063.74 as on 06.11.2025** (with further interest and charges). **Borrower: (1) M/s Sri Pravira Hospitality and Services Pvt Ltd.,** No 1817, Fortuna Srinivasam, S201, 12th Main Road, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070. **(2) Mr. Ramprakash Patwardhan (Director cum Guarantor),** No.428, 9th Main, Avalahally, BDA Layout, Bengaluru-560085. **(3) Mr. Ramprakash Patwardhan (Director cum Guarantor)** C/o SathyamurthyPattavardhan,No.618, 24th Cross, 20th Main, Poornaprajna Layout, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061. **(4) Mrs. Lakshmi Sridhar (Director cum Guarantor)** W/o Mr Sridhar Somashekar, No.994/A, 4th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050. **(5) Mr. Vijay Sagar Shetty (Guarantor)** C/o Ganesha, No.1817, Fortuna Srinivasam, S201, 12th Main Road, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070.

Sl. No.	Vehicle Model	Registration Month & Year	Registration No.	Yard Address	Reserve price	EMD amount
1.	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1167	H.No. 1-7218/24, Near Sri Rama Rice Mill, Kotha Cheruvu Road, New Gunj, Mahabubnagar-509001. Telangana State.	Rs 43,20,000/-	Rs 4,32,000/-
2	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1152	Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andra Pradesh.	Rs 43,20,000/-	Rs 4,32,000/-
3	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1356	Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andra Pradesh.	Rs 43,20,000/-	Rs 4,32,000/-
4	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1125	Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andra Pradesh.	Rs 43,20,000/-	Rs 4,32,000/-
5	Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage -HMV	JAN-2024	TS-07-UP-1149	Mettu Steet, Madira Vedu, Thiuverkadu, Chennai-77.	Rs 43,20,000/-	Rs 4,32,000/-

E-AUCTION - 28.11.2025

1. The Earnest Money Deposit stated above shall be deposited on or before **27.11.2025.** The EMD amount has to be paid by Demand Draft (DD) favouring **ARM-2 Branch, Canara Bank, Bangalore** OR through online **(RTGS/NEFT to A/c No. 209272434; IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.**
2. E-Auction of vehicles will be held on **28.11.2025, between 1.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M** by the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd (BAANKNET).** The incremental value will be **Rs.1,00,000/-**
3. It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the vehicles before submission of the bid. For Vehicles inspection details please contact **Mobile No . 9483544116, 8921102717, 9113092975 and 080-25310181**
4. The intending bidder should submit the KYC Documents along with the bid application.
5. Successful bidder have to remit the balance amount within 3 days from the date of E-Auction, otherwise the EMD amount will be forfeited and will not be refunded under any circumstances. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to bear all the charges for conveyance, transfer registration charges, etc., as applicable.
6. Bank reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
7. **For further details contact, Chief Manager, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com or the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance(Baanknet) - e- mail: EMAIL: support.baanknet@psballiance.com**

Date : 07.11.2025
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

From Page One

Govt. rules out Kuki-Zo group's demand for U.T.

An MHA source said that talks with the insurgent groups will continue, to find a negotiated political solution in consultation with all communities, but the demand for a U.T. with legislature was not possible.

The talks covered issues of land, forests, customs, and development, along with mutual confidence-building measures to be pursued alongside the regular political dialogue, the groups said. They urged the MHA to take concrete steps to protect traditional tribal land rights.

"They also urged Government to remove administrative hurdles related to the succession of village chiefs after their demise, and to simplify procedures for land registration and deed processing, which currently require travel to Imphal–an area that has become inaccessible and unsafe for the Kuki-Zo community since the outbreak of ethnic violence," the SoO groups said.

On September 4, the MHA had announced that the tripartite pact, in limbo since February 2024, had been signed with renegotiated terms and new ground rules. The new terms said that security forces would conduct verification of cadres, delist and deport foreign nationals, and the relocation of camps run by the insurgent groups. The September 4 agreement, the latest version of the SoO pact in place since 2008, reiterated the territorial integrity of Manipur but inserted a new clause: "negotiated political settlement within Constitution of India."

The pact had been periodically extended annually until February 29, 2024 when the Manipur government refused to extend the tripartite pact following the eruption of ethnic violence between the tribal Kuki-Zo and Meitei people on May 3, 2023. Former Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had claimed that the SoO groups had violated the ground rules of the pact. Before May 3, 2023, the SoO groups had been demanding autonomous territorial councils within Manipur. Post-violence, however, the demands have changed.

On Saturday, the SoO groups said that they had highlighted the historical justifications for their political demand, noting that the Kuki-Zo Hills had never been under the control of the Manipur State Durbar before Independence.

(with inputs from Rahul Karmakar)

Ahead of COP, India to join forest initiative

The TFFF offers a new, budget-neutral model of nature financing that rewards countries protecting forests yearly with $4 per hectare protected. Investors' initial contributions are invested by the TFIF, and the returns on those investments are used to pay back the original investors in full.

Brazil, the COP30 host, has announced a $1 billion contribution, and Colombia has pitched in with $250 million. France, China, and the UAE have expressed support but have not made financial commitments.

It is essential for countries to leave Belém with NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) aligned with the 1.5°C mission committed to in Dubai, Mr. da Silva said.

The Brazilian President also launched the Belém commitment to quadruple the use of sustainable fuels by 2035 and emphasised the need for debt-for-climate swaps to support developing nations.

From 2005 to 2020, India reduced the emission intensity of GDP by 36%, Indian Ambassador Bhatia said. India had expanded its forest and tree cover, Mr. Bhatia said, and the additional carbon sink of 2.29 billion tonnes of CO_2 equivalent was created between 2005 and 2021. He reiterated India's position that affordable finance, technology access, and capacity-building were essential for implementing ambitious climate targets in developing countries.

Over 70% of India's prisoners still awaiting trial: SC judge

Only 7.91% of the undertrials utilised legal aid available to them, as most of them don't even know that they have a right to free legal help, says Justice Vikram Nath at the release of a NALSAR report

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Vanita Devi (name changed), 36, is accused of killing her two children aged three and six in 2017. Married off at the age of 16, she spent most of her life facing domestic violence. Abandoned by her family for the crime she says she never committed, she spent over five years in jail.

She finally got bail in 2022, thanks to a team from the Square Circle Clinic, a Fair Trial Programme (FTP) of the NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. Since then, Ms. Devi, who is now diagnosed with mental illness, spends most of her time helping patients at a clinic, which gives her shelter.

Ms. Devi's is one of the over 5,000 cases taken up by the Square Circle Clinic. NALSAR initiated the FTP in 2019 and has worked with undertrials at the Nagpur and Yerawada Central Prisons.

The time spent by undertrials in jail often exceed the maximum sentence for the offence they are accused of, says SC judge. AFP

In its report of work done from 2019 to 2024, the Square Circle Clinic said that out of 5,783 cases dealt by it under FTP, 41.3% of the accused had no lawyer assigned for trial, while 51% had no documents needed to pursue the trial. As much as 58% suffered from at least one disability. It said that 67.6% of the undertrials covered in the programme belonged to disadvantaged caste groups and 79.8% worked in the unorganised sector. In five years, the Square Circle Clinic had filed bail applications in 1,834 cases and got 777 cases disposed of. In all, 1,388 clients were released in 2,542 cases.

'Disturbing findings'

Describing the key findings of the report as disturbing, Supreme Court Justice Vikram Nath on Friday called for urgent reforms in the way legal aid is provided to undertrials. He added that over 70% of India's prison population consisted of people who had not yet been found guilty but they remained in jails. "And what is more concerning is that in most cases, they don't even know that they have a right to [free] legal aid. Only 7.91% of the undertrials have utilised the legal aid available to them," said Justice Nath at the release of the report on fair trials prepared by the Square Circle Clinic.

Justice Nath criticised the way lawyers filed bail applications mechanically, without supporting documents or sureties that the accused could actually produce. "The accused cannot afford the bail amount, cannot find sureties, and he is back to square one," he said, adding that he comes across one such case almost every day where an undertrial has spent time in prison exceeding the maximum sentence for the very offence he or she is accused of.

'The poor can't get justice until they learn of their rights'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that when justice is accessible to all, delivered in a timely manner, and reaches every individual regardless of their social or financial background, then it truly becomes the foundation of social justice. He was speaking at the inauguration of the national conference on "Strengthening Legal Aid Delivery Mechanisms" at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Modi emphasised the importance of legal awareness, and added that poor individuals could not access justice until they were aware of their rights, understood the law, and overcome fear of the system's complexity.

Emphasising that legal aid played a crucial role in ensuring accessibility to justice, Mr. Modi highlighted how legal services act as a bridge between the judiciary and the common citizen.

Mr. Modi also said that justice must be delivered in a language that was understood by the recipient, and stressed the need for making judgments available in local languages.

Narendra Modi

Speaking at the event, Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai said, "We must keep envisioning legal aid not as a reactive system but as a living movement. We must not wait for distress to knock on our doors... The strength of a just society lies in our ability to foresee where injustice may arise and to reach there before it does."

Chief Justice of India-designate Justice Surya Kant said legal aid must be made more accessible through a humane approach.

ED attaches properties worth ₹67 cr. in PFI case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached eight more properties worth ₹67.03 crore alleged to be beneficially owned and controlled by the banned Popular Front of India (PFI). The agency has so far arrested 28 persons in the case.

The attached assets are linked to Green Valley Foundation, Alappuzha Social Cultural & Education Trust, Pandalam Educational and Cultural Trust (Pathanamthitta), Islamic Centre Trust (Wayanad), Haritham Foundation (Malappuram), Periyar Valley Charitable Trust (Aluva), Vallavunad Trust (Palakkad), and a land of PFI's "political front" – Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) – in Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala, an official said.

The ED had attached assets worth ₹61.98 crore as part of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act probe, now taking the total attachments to ₹129 crore.

Question of implementing SC order on stray dogs with 'compassion'

NEWS ANALYSIS

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court's direction on Friday to municipal authorities to "remove" stray dogs from public places and institutions and shift them to shelters for sterilisation and vaccination does not examine whether these agencies have the infrastructure or space to implement the order with compassion and without inflicting unnecessary pain and suffering on the animals.

The court order was passed without impleading or hearing animal rights activists, organisations or experts.

Article 51A(g) of the Constitution mandates that it is the fundamental duty of every Indian citizen to "have compassion for living creatures". Section 3 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 requires "persons having charge of animals" to ensure their well-being and prevent causing them "unnecessary pain or suffering".

The top court order was passed without impleading or hearing animal rights activists, organisations or experts. PTI

"All living creatures have inherent dignity and a right to live peacefully and right to protect their well-being which encompasses protection from beating, kicking, over-driving, over-loading, tortures, pain and suffering, etc," the top court had observed in its 2014 judgment in *Animal Welfare Board versus A. Nagaraja* on the practice of Jallikattu.

In Friday's order, the Supreme Court Bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath noted how administrative indifference over the past years had led to "preventable" instances of stray dog attacks on innocent persons, undermining the constitutional guarantee of the right to life and safety under Article 21. The court noted that implementation of the Animal Birth Control Rules had been "ineffective, to say the least, across jurisdictions".

In November 2015, the Supreme Court had held it was the "sacrosanct duty" of local authorities to ensure that there were enough facilities, including dog shelters.

"It is the duty of all municipal corporations to provide infrastructure as mandated in the statute [1960 Act] and the Rules. Once that is done, we are disposed to think for the present that a balance between compassion to dogs and the lives of human beings, which is appositely called a glorious gift of nature, may harmoniously co-exist," a two-judge Bench headed by Justice Dipak Misra (now retired) had observed in *Animal Welfare Board of India vs People For Elimination Of Stray Troubles*.

The court had ordered municipal authorities in 2015 to ensure the availability of dog vans for capture and transportation, drivers and dog catchers for these vans, ambulance-cum-clinical vans as mobile centres for sterilisation and immunisation, incinerators for disposal of carcasses, and periodic repairs of shelters.

However, the order appears to have been followed in breach, as suggested by the "alarming increase" in stray dog attacks.

'Online abuse of women journalists a serious threat'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India-designate, Justice Surya Kant, on Saturday said the malicious trolling of women journalists by misusing their private data and fabricating incriminating content against them could not be normalised as the "inevitable consequence" of online discourse.

Justice Kant, speaking at an Indian Women's Press Corps event, was referring to the side of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that could be used to cause physical and psychological harm by manipulating images.

"These perpetrators, instead of engaging with their actual work or the opinions expressed by women journalists, utilise these methods of 'online violence' to induce fear, and discredit them. This type of digital abuse not only undermines the security of women journalists but also threatens press freedom by stifling the diversity and nuance of public discourse," he said.

Buddha relics reach Bhutan as India's 'gift' for peace prayer festival

Rahul Karmakar
THIMPHU

The sacred relics of Lord Buddha, a "goodwill gift" from India to Bhutan during the 16-day Global Peace Prayer Festival (GPPF), reached Thimphu on Saturday, ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit. The sacred relics will remain in Bhutan until November 18 before returning to India.

Sacred offering: The relics of Lord Buddha after arrival at Bhutan's Paro International Airport from New Delhi. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The casket containing the relics - a part of the remains of the Buddha's body - will be enshrined at the Grand Kuenray of Tashichhodzong, near the palace of the King of Bhutan in Thimphu, for public display from November 12 to 17. The enshrinement of the relics will be in commemoration of the 70th birth anniversary of the fourth King of Bhutan, Jigme Singye Wangchuk. His birthday coincides with Mr. Modi's visit to Thimphu on November 11 and 12 for the GPPF.

"There is a lot of interest and appreciation in Bhutan because the sacred relics of Lord Buddha have reached Thimphu during the GPPF," Sandeep Arya, India's Ambassador to Bhutan, told presspersons.

Earlier, Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay said that he saw the relics as a "gift from PM Modi" to the people of Bhutan. "The gesture shows that the two countries are on the same page when it comes to spiritual collaboration, not just political and developmental cooperation," he said.

Piprahwa relics

According to the Centre for Bhutan and Gross National Happiness Studies, the organisers of the GPPF, the relics are named after Piprahwa, a site in Uttar Pradesh near the Nepal border, where they were discovered.

"The relics hold profound historical and spiritual significance, and are regarded among the most venerated objects in the global Buddhist tradition," a spokesperson said.

(This correspondent is in Thimphu on the invitation of the Bhutan government)

No FIR was registered despite filing complaint on death threat: Rana Ayyub

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
NAVI MUMBAI

Journalist and columnist Rana Ayyub has alleged receiving death threats following a social media post commemorating the anniversary of the 1984 anti-Sikh pogrom. Despite filing a complaint with the Navi Mumbai Police, no First Information Report (FIR) has been registered, she said.

Ms. Ayyub said she received multiple WhatsApp calls and messages on November 2 from a Canadian number with the display name "Harry Shooter" and the photo of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. The caller allegedly threatened to kill her and her father if she did not write an article glorifying the assassins of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The person knew her address and her father's travel location, the journalist said in an interview to *The Hindu*.

Rana Ayyub

Ms. Ayyub, 41, has faced harassment and online abuse for years due to her reporting on communal violence and her criticism of both the BJP and Congress. Known for her investigative book *Gujarat Files*, she has previously been probed by the Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax Department, and says several cases have been filed against her "by right-wing trolls".

"I do not know what has triggered this [latest] threat. The only thing that preceded this threat, that I can think of, is my post on Instagram [November 2, 2025] where I had written about the 1984 anti-Sikh pogrom," she said.

Her post, with her childhood photo and the reference to the 1992 Mumbai riots, stated, "A trauma that has lived with me, shaped my nightmares, my personal and professional life. Ironic that I am sharing this on the anniversary of the 1984 anti-Sikh pogrom. Injustice begets injustice. If 1984 had been given justice, the perpetrators of 1992 - who destroyed my childhood, would not be sitting in the highest echelons of power," she had said in her post.

Ms. Ayyub said she has filed several complaints about harassment over the years, but police action has been limited. "The only time police acted proactively was after Gauri Lankesh's murder, when they offered me a revolver licence," she said.

Navi Mumbai Police Commissioner Milind Bharambe said forensic investigation was going on in the matter as it was a VoIP call with an international number. "But if it is a Canada number, there will be challenges," he said.

BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION

'Cong. is fighting the same battle Gandhiji fought'

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday claimed that her party was now fighting the same battle against the "Modi empire" that Mahatma Gandhi once fought.

Addressing rallies in Bihar's Katihar, Bhagalpur, and Purnea districts, she said, "The battle that the INDIA bloc and Congress are fighting today is the same battle that Mahatma Gandhi once fought against the British imperialists. Even today, we are fighting for your rights and the truth. Even today, we are fighting against an empire, which is the Modi empire." "Today, PM runs the government in the same way. He suppresses people and divides them. The rights for which Gandhi fought are in danger. The most important among those rights is the right to vote," she added. PTI

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

ARO suspended for mishandling VVPAT slips

An Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) was suspended on Saturday and a case was registered against him after a large number of VVPAT slips were found on the roadside in Bihar's Samastipur district, said a statement. The VVPAT slips were found scattered on the roadside near a college in the Sarairanjan Assembly segment. The Election Commission swung into action after a purported video of it went viral on social media. The statement by the Chief Electoral Officer's office said the District Magistrate (DM) has been directed to visit the spot and inquire into the matter. "As these are VVPAT slips of a mock poll, the integrity of the polling process remains uncompromised... However, the ARO is being suspended for negligence and an FIR is being registered against him," it said. PTI

"Migrant workers are coming back home in large numbers to vote. They used to vote for the NDA in the past as they had no alternative

PRASHANT KISHOR
Jan Suraj leader

Congress chief rubbishes NDA's claims of victory

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday rubbished Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah's predictions of the NDA's victory in the Bihar Assembly polls, pointing out that their '400 plus' claim in the Lok Sabha election was way off the mark. PTI

"If Rahul Gandhi believes votes are being stolen in Bihar, he must complain to the EC. He is not doing that; he is simply levelling baseless allegations

RAJNATH SINGH
Defence Minister

Narendra Modi, Bihar Dy. CM Vijay Sinha and others during a public rally in Sitamarhi on Saturday. ANI

PM urges voters to keep away 'jungle raj' for Bihar's progress

The Hindu Bureau
PURNIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday came down heavily on the Opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Congress over "jungle raj".

Addressing a rally in Bettia town of West Champaran district, Mr. Modi asserted that Bihar did not want a *katta* (country-made gun) government, adding that the current NDA government stood for good governance.

Calling it his last election rally in Bihar before the second phase of polling, Mr. Modi said the State's youth, women, poor brothers and sisters, middle class, and farmers had given support to the NDA. He said that this election was not being fought by any leader of the NDA but rather by the people of Bihar.

"The NDA's double-engine government has outlined what it has done and what it plans to do next, presenting its work and the road map for the future before the people of Bihar," Mr. Modi said.

'Most terrifying era'

Attacking the Opposition, the Prime Minister said Bettiah town has witnessed the most terrifying era of "jungle raj" by the RJD and Congress.

"The jungle raj people had turned this sacred land of Satyagraha into a stronghold of goons and dacoits. Murders were happening and it was difficult for sisters and daughters to step out of their homes," Mr. Modi said.

He pointed out that he was saying this to remind everyone of the RJD's regime because when the rule of law ended, it was the poor and deprived people who suffered the most first. He said that it was the responsibility of the people to keep away "jungle raj" so that Bihar achieved new heights of development. He mentioned the campaign songs of the RJD, which have references of "crude guns" and "rowdiness".

Claiming that the RJD and Congress did not even know the "ABCD of industries", he quipped that the two parties only knew how to put "locks on industries".

"In 15 years, not a single big factory was set up in Bihar. Even the mills and factories that were there in Mithila have shut down. In 15 years of 'jungle raj', not a single big hospital or medical college was built in Bihar. Therefore, the talk of development from the mouths of these 'jungle raj' people is nothing but white lies," Mr. Modi said.

He explained that development happenned only when there was no corruption and scams but the leaders of the RJD and the Congress did not know how to do anything else besides this.

Mr. Modi alleged that the first family in the RJD was the most corrupt family in Bihar whereas the Congress family was the most corrupt family in the country. Besides Champaran, Mr. Modi also addressed a rally in Sitamarhi.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shah, addressing a public meeting in Katihar, said that wherever he was going in Bihar, the enthusiasm among the people indicated that the parties led by Lalu Prasad and Rahul Gandhi had ended in the first phase of polling. "In the second phase, the people of Seemanchal region need to vote in such a way that the RJD and the jungle raj are nowhere to be seen, not even with binoculars from far," Mr. Shah said.

He also alleged that "infiltrators" were vote banks of the RJD and Congress and to protect them they took out 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar.

Poverty, migration, and floods harry Seemanchal with 24 crucial seats

Failing to form an alliance with Grand Alliance, the AIMIM is all out to dent its vote share; however, it is unlikely to make much impact despite the significant Muslim population in the region; the BJP is making an attempt to change the mood by raising the issue of alleged infiltration

GROUND REPORT

Amit Bhelari
PURNIA/ARARIA/KATIHAR

Twenty-four Assembly constituencies in the Seemanchal region in north Bihar are among the 122 going to the polls in the second and final phase of the Assembly election in the State on November 11. People in the region, comprising Purnia, Katihar, Kishanganj and Araria districts, are badly affected by poverty, migration, and floods, and they say they are voting for a change this time.

Political parties are vying for their pie in the region which has 28% of the State's 2.31 crore Muslim population. The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), led by Asaduddin Owaisi, which had announced that it would contest from 28 constituencies in the State, is in the fray in 15 constituencies in Seemanchal.

Failing to form an alliance with the Opposition led by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the AIMIM is all out to dent the vote share of the RJD. However, the party is unlikely to cause a division in the Muslim votes.

Seemanchal is important for both the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Grand Alliance, and political parties are leaving no stone unturned to attract the voters.

Division of votes

The AIMIM won five seats in the 2020 Assembly election. However, within two years since, four of the five MLAs joined the RJD. Just one of them, Shahnawaz, is contesting the 2025 election from Jokihat on RJD ticket.

Another MLA, Akhtarul Iman, remains with the AIMIM and is the party's Bihar unit president. He is contesting from Amour again.

Mohammad Afaq Khan, a resident of Birnagar village in Araria, said that the AIMIM was contesting the election to dent the vote share of the Grand Alliance.

"If at all Owaisi's party wanted to defeat the communal forces, they should not have fielded candidates for those seats where the Grand Alliance has fielded candidate," Mr. Khan said.

In 2020, Syed Rukknuddin Ahmad won from Baisi on AIMIM ticket by defeating Vinod Kumar of the BJP, who has been repeated by the NDA. The RJD has fielded Abdus Subahan. According to the caste-based survey data from 2023, Muslim voters play a decisive role in choosing the winner in 47 of the total 243 seats in the State Assembly. There are more than 40% Muslim voters in 11 seats and more than 30% in seven seats.

Decisive votes: People at a tea stall in Baisi constituency in Purnia district. Data show Muslim voters play a key role in choosing the winners in 47 of the 243 Assembly seats in Bihar. AMIT BHELARI

Abdul Raqib, a farmer from Azamnagar bloc in the Katihar Assembly constituency, asserted that his area is badly affected by migration and floods.

Flood challenge

"This entire Seemanchal belt is facing the curse of floods for decades, and no government in Bihar is able to resolve this issue. From our village, hundreds of people have migrated. Due to lack of employment opportunities, lakhs of people have migrated to West Bengal, Delhi, Mumbai, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, and the Gulf countries. We don't even have a good college," Mr. Raqib said.

Poverty is widespread in Seemanchal and is evident as people still use firewood and dry leaves for cooking. One travelling through the Koshi belt could easily spot men and women carrying firewood on their heads. People in Seemanchal are too bothered about their own lives and livelihood to care about politics.

Lack of education has left them with the only option of wage labour.

In Amour, Abdul Razzaq said out of his 12 family members, three are working in a cycle factory in Haryana and two in a construction company in Dubai.

Asked about the incumbent MLA, Mr. Iman of the AIMIM, Mr. Razzaq said, "His work is not satisfactory. However, the only good thing is that he did not switch side and remained with *patang chaap* (AIMIM's symbol - kite). Let's see, what will happen this time. His party is not even from Bihar, many call it a Hyderabadi party."

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Iman said, "It is not easy to keep everyone happy; I have tried my level best to do as much work as possible in my Assembly constituency."

Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party (JSP) is also in the fray as a new player and is attracting a good chunk of young Muslim voters. However, many of them said that they have not completely distanced themselves from the Congress and the RJD.

Muslims in Seemanchal expressed their anger against Janata Dal (United) president and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for supporting Waqf (Amendment) Bill in Parliament, which has since become an Act.

In the 2020 Assembly election, the BJP won eight seats in Seemanchal, the AIMIM five, the JD(U) four, the Congress five, and the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) and the RJD one seat each.

This time, in the INDIA bloc, the Congress is contesting 12 seats, the RJD nine, Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) two, and CPI (ML) one, while in the NDA, the BJP is contesting 11 seats, the JD(U) 10, and the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) three.

In Bihar's villages, microfinance has changed from a promise of empowerment to a debt trap

Shikha Kumari A.
BIJULI

Sanjula Devi still remembers the first microfinance loan she took, ₹20,000 in 2012, to repay earlier amounts borrowed from the village moneylender. "The first loan, yes, I took it to repay older debts," she says, her voice steady but weary as she sits on the floor in her small home in Bihar's Bijuli village, just off the National Highway near Darbhanga town.

The loan came from Fusion Bank, a microfinance company, and was taken as part of a women's group of 12, each member borrowing ₹20,000 with a monthly repayment of ₹1,200.

Her husband worked as a labourer, and she did daily-wage work. With three children and no land or other income, even this small installment was a struggle. "Sometimes I earn ₹500 a day, sometimes less. I managed to save and pay back slowly," she recalls. That first loan was repaid, but over time, more loans were taken from the government's self-help group programme Jeevika, from Fusion, and Belstar, another microfinance company, eventually totalling nearly ₹4 lakh, with repayment schedules sometimes as high as ₹4,040 per month.

Vicious cycle: Microfinance was meant to empower women but the debt becomes a never-ending cycle. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

According to a report by Sa-Dhan, Bihar has the largest microfinance portfolio in India

Her husband could not bear the mounting debt. "He was quiet, worried, and could not bear it anymore. The microfinance agents used to call and pressure him. Eventually, he took his own life," Sanjula says.

According to the Bharat Microfinance Report by Sa-Dhan, an RBI-appointed self-regulator for the microfinance sector, Bihar alone accounted for nearly 15% of the industry portfolio, making it the single largest State portfolio in the country. Outstanding microfinance loans in Bihar amounted to ₹57,712 crore as of March 2025. As the State heads to the polls, the promise of financial empowerment remains out of reach for many households.

Never-ending cycle

"Microfinance was meant to empower women, but we never taught them how to manage credit," says Mohit Sinha, a social worker who has worked across south Bihar. Most borrowers, he adds, sign papers they don't fully understand.

"There should have been financial training with every loan, but that never happened."

Instead, the never-ending cycle of relentless financial pressure, daily survival, and mounting debt has overtaken many of Bijuli's mud houses and narrow lanes.

Anita Devi lives with six family members, only two of whom earn through irregular daily labour, her income barely meeting basic needs. Government rations are inconsistent, leaving her dependent on loans. She took her first loan of ₹1.25 lakh for her son's wedding. Later, she borrowed from multiple sources in the village, sometimes ₹50,000, sometimes ₹30,000 or ₹10,000, gradually accumulating heavy debt.

Repayment is enforced rigorously. Loan agents arrive repeatedly, sometimes sitting at the house all day until payment is made. Installments may be small, but fines and extra interest quickly pile up. "If the person is not home, they still won't leave," Anita explains. She tries to repay by weaving baskets and making brooms, selling them along the highway. Yet, even after months of effort, the debt remains.

"Politicians promise a lot, especially before elections, but when it comes to helping people like us, nothing reaches us. We are left to fend for ourselves," she says.

'Old debts never end'

Shila Devi's story mirrors the relentless cycle. Years ago, her husband was beaten and critically injured. She borrowed ₹2 lakh for his treatment, moving him between three hospitals and seeking help from multiple villages while struggling to feed her children. "We think, if we take one more loan, we will clear the old ones," she says. "But the old debts never end."

"There's no one earning in the family," she adds. "How could I repay the loan? My husband is sick. How could I repay?" Collectors would come repeatedly, shouting and arguing, sometimes frightening her children. Today, Shila earns a little through small labour jobs, but the debt remains.

The system behind these loans is tightly structured. Ranju Kumari, who works with Jeevika women's groups, explains that women are grouped in clusters of ten to twelve. If one cannot pay, the others must cover her share. A leader collects repayments and takes commissions. Insurance is deducted, but often the funds never reach families in need. Interest rates are strict, around 21-22%. "No one borrows for pleasure. The poor have no choice. Now every house has one or two loans," she says.

Despite the hardships, the women persist because they hope each instalment will bring relief. Each woman continues day after day, navigating a system that ties survival to debt.

RJD calls for strict security of Bihar's EVM strongrooms

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NEW DELHI

Senior Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and MP Manoj K. Jha has written to the Election Commission of India (EC), expressing concern over reported electricity disruptions at strongrooms storing electronic voting machines (EVMs) in Bihar. The disruptions raised serious questions about the security protocols in place at these facilities, Mr. Jha said.

In his letter, Mr. Jha urged the EC to take immediate cognisance of the issue and implement enhanced security measures. He called for round-the-clock CCTV surveillance at all entry and exit points of the strongroom premises, with real-time monitoring and secure storage of footage. He sought verification to ensure that existing security arrangements were in full compliance with the standard operating procedures laid down by the EC.

"The integrity of the electoral process is the cornerstone of our democracy, and public confidence in the sanctity of elections depends entirely on the transparent and foolproof security of EVMs," Mr. Jha wrote.

INBRIEF

Errors and website crash mar WBSSC teacher hiring results

The West Bengal School Service Commission has published the results in the rehiring process of teachers who lost their jobs after the April 3 Supreme Court order. Wrong marking and collapsed WBSSC website raise concern among candidates. The officials announced the results late on Friday. State Education Minister Bratya Basu applauded the move, said that it had been possible due to the sincere cooperation of administrative staff. Candidates could not view their results and remained uncertain, while the ones who managed to see their results highlighted multiple wrong markings on correct answers.

Court rejects bail plea of six accused in Bareilly violence

A court in Bareilly rejected the bail applications of Ittehad-e-Millat Council chief Tauqeer Raza Khan and five others arrested for attacking police personnel during the September 26 violence over the "I Love Mohammad" posters controversy. "The application was presented before the court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Amrita Shukla in Bareilly on Friday, where the bail applications of Raza, Faizan Sakalani, Takim, and Munir Idrishi, Harman and Nematullah were denied," said Mahesh Pathak, Additional District Government Counsel (ADGC). Mr. Khan's lawyer had filed a bail application in the case pertaining to the violence that took place in Shyamganj under the Baradari police station area.

Pharmacology lab of institute of Ayurveda gets ISO tag

The Pharmacology Laboratory of the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Delhi, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ayush, has been accredited with IS/ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System), IS/ISO 14001:2015 (Environmental Management System), and IS/ISO 45001:2018 (Occupational Health and Safety Management System) certifications by the Bureau of Indian Standards. The award was presented, earlier this week, during the event on Quality Management System certification organised by the Bureau of Indian Standards for the officials of the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, New Delhi.

Narco-terror module kingpin linked to Pak. handlers held

The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday claimed to have achieved a major breakthrough with the arrest of the kingpin of a narco-terror module from Mumbai airport. Mohammad Arshad, alias Asif, a resident of Degwar-Terwan village in Haveli tehsil of Poonch, had been absconding since 2023 and was operating from Saudi Arabia, a spokesperson of the agency said in Jammu. "He was the kingpin of a narco-terror module and key link between Pakistan-based handlers and narco-terror operatives in Jammu and Kashmir," the spokesperson said. PTI

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Parliament to hold Winter Session from Dec. 1 to 19

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NEW DELHI

The Winter Session of Parliament will be held from December 1 to 19, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju announced on Saturday.

Posting the announcement on X he wrote, "Looking forward to a constructive and meaningful session that strengthens our democracy and serves the aspirations of the people."

'Unusual delay'

The Winter Session usually begins in the third week of November and ends before Christmas.

The Opposition leaders criticised the government for the short session. In a post on X, Congress chief whip in the Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh said that it was "unusually delayed" and "truncated". "What is the message being conveyed? Clearly, the government has no business to transact, no bills to get passed, and no debate to be allowed," Mr. Ramesh said.

Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien termed it "Parliament-ophobia". "PM Narendra Modi and team continue to suffer from the acute condition called Parliament-ophobia, a morbid fear of facing Parliament," he said.

PM flags off Vande Bharat trains on four new routes

Modi launches Varanasi-Khajuraho Vande Bharat train in Varanasi, along with three new services on the Ernakulam-Bengaluru, Lucknow-Saharanpur and Firozpur-Delhi routes

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LUCKNOW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday flagged off four new Vande Bharat Express services from the Banaras railway station in Varanasi.

Mr. Modi inaugurated the Banaras-Khajuraho Vande Bharat train, and virutally flagged of three services which will operate on the Ernakulam-Bengaluru, Lucknow-Saharanpur, and Firozpur-Delhi routes.

Mr. Modi, who represents the Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency, described the new trains as instrumental in regional connectivity, mobility, reducing travel time, and increasing access to economic activities. "These Vande Bharat trains will enhance connectivity and provide greater comfort to citizens. They will reduce travel time, enhance regional mobility, promote tourism, and support economic activity across the country," the Prime Minister said.

"Every country that has achieved significant progress and development, infrastructure advancement has played a pivotal role. India too is rapidly striding on this path. Trains such as Vande Bharat, Namo Bharat, and Amrit Bharat are laying the foundation for the next generation of Indian Railways. Vande Bharat is a train made by Indians, for Indians, and of Indians, one that fills every Indian with pride," he added.

Faster mobility: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is the MP for Varanasi, flagging off a Vande Bharat Express train at the Banaras railway station in Varanasi on Saturday. ANI

The PM said India had embarked on a mission to enhance its resources for a developed India, and these trains were set to become milestones in that journey.

Boost to U.P.'s economy

Mr. Modi touched upon the development in Uttar Pradesh, saying it significantly enhanced pilgrimage. "Developmental initiatives in Uttar Pradesh have significantly enhanced pilgrimage over the past 11 years. In the last year alone, 11 crore devotees travelled to Varanasi for darshan of Baba Vishwanath. Following the establishment of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, more than 6 crore individuals have visited the temple of Ram Lalla," he said, pointing out that these pilgrims have injected thousands of crores of rupees into Uttar Pradesh's economy.

"This surge has created ongoing earning opportunities for hotels, traders, transport companies, local artists, and boat operators throughout the State. Consequently, numerous young individuals in Varanasi are now embarking on new business ventures, ranging from transport services to Banarasi sari enterprises," he said.

U.P. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the Vande Bharat trains would make travel faster with modern facilities. "Under your [PM's] guidance, Uttar Pradesh is entering a new era of rapid connectivity and cultural unity. This gift you are giving in the form of Vande Bharat trains will make travel faster, modern and comfortable and will also provide an opportunity for cultural exchange," the Minsiter added.

Rahul slams BJP govt. over mid-day meal issue in M.P.

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Madhya Pradesh has "even stolen" children's plates, and development is "just an illusion", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Saturday, referring to an incident of schoolchildren being served their mid-day meal on scrap paper in Sheopur district.

Mr. Gandhi hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, saying they "should feel ashamed" over the incident.

The incident took place on November 3 at a government primary school in Hullpur village under Vijaypur block of Sheopur. A video showing children sitting on the floor with food being served on pieces of scrap paper had gone viral on social media.

"Over 20 years of BJP government, and they have stolen even the children's plate – their 'development' is just an illusion. The real secret to coming to power is 'the system'. Such a Chief Minister and Prime Minister should feel ashamed," he said. Mr. Gandhi is in Pachmarhi in Madhya Pradesh to attend a training camp, part of the party's ongoing "Sangathan Srujan Abhiyan" (reorganisation campaign).

SC underscores lapses in extending compensation to victims of crime

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

> One of the impediments in disbursing victim compensation is the absence of directions from special or sessions courts. Consequently, victims must seek compensation on their own, often with little awareness
> **SUPREME COURT BENCH**

The death of an intellectually disabled rape survivor three months ago, after years of waiting for the release of her full compensation as a "victim of a serious crime", has led the Supreme Court to realise the lack of awareness about victim compensation and, worse, that many trial judges simply forget to pass the order.

"We find that one of the impediments in disbursement of victim compensation to the victims is the absence of a direction being issued by the special courts/sessions courts to pay compensation to the victims of a crime. Consequently, the victims have to seek such compensation on their own, either by making an application to the State Legal Services Authority or by any other means known to law. There is also an absence of awareness in this regard," a Bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and R. Mahadevan observed in a recent order.

Rehabilitative measure

Trial courts play a crucial part in recommending the States to pay adequate financial compensation to victims of crimes.

The compensation is seen as a restorative or rehabilitative measure for victims, which plays an equal part in criminal justice as the reformation of the accused.

Under Section 396 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, which replaced Section 357A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, every State government, in coordination with the Centre, should prepare a victim compensation scheme, to provide funds to compensate "the victim or his dependents who have suffered loss or injury as a result of the crime and who require rehabilitation".

Sessions and special courts which try serious cases of crimes, including offences under the Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act are empowered to recommend victim compensation at the end of a trial if the judges find the money allowed under the penal statute will not be enough to rehabilitate the victim.

"We direct that Special/Sessions Courts ought to pass appropriate directions with regard to payment of victim compensation in appropriate cases, so that the implementation of these directions can be easily made by the State Legal Services Authority through the District Legal Services Authority or the Taluk Legal Services Authority, as the case may be," the Supreme Court ordered.

The order came in a petition filed by advocate Jyoti Praveen Khandpasole, represented by advocates Gaurav Kumar Bansal and Rani Mishra, highlighting the State's continued denial of rightful compensation to rape victims.

The petition narrated the tragic case of the 25-year-old victim who was brutally raped at Khadaka village of Maharashtra in September 2020.

U.K. handed over intel to Canada on Nijjar killing: report

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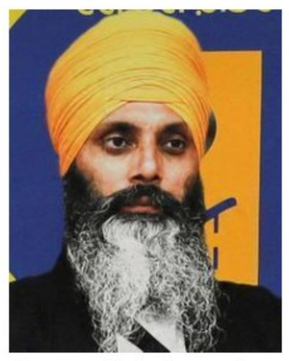

A banner with the image of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

It was with the help of British spy call intercepts that Canadian authorities drew alleged links between India and the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June 2023, a new documentary released this week has claimed.

The documentary, "Inside the deaths that rocked India's relations with the West", by *Bloomberg Originals* reports that a British intelligence agency – believed to be the U.K.'s Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), often referred to as the country's listening post – intercepted calls that appeared to be discussing three targets.

Nijjar, a Canadian Sikh designated a terrorist by India in 2020 for Khalistani extremism, was believed to be among the names on the intelligence passed on to the Canadian authorities under the "Five Eyes" intelligence sharing agreement among the U.K., the U.S., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Breakthrough in probe

In late July 2023, there was a "breakthrough" in the Nijjar murder investigation case when the U.K. obtained "relevant information", the documentary claims. British intelligence would be shared under strict conditions: hand-delivered to Ottawa and kept off electronic systems and only a handful of Canadian officials, pre-approved by London, could see it, it is claimed.

"The file was a summary of conversations intercepted by a British intelligence agency between individuals who analysts believe were working on behalf of the Indian government," the documentary claims.

"They had discussed three potential targets: Nijjar, (Avtar Singh) Khanda and (Gurpatwant Singh) Pannun. Later, there was an exchange about how Nijjar had been successfully eliminated," it alleges.

Khanda, a British Sikh pro-Khalistani activist, died in June 2023 at a hospital in the city of Birmingham in the West Midlands region of England. He was terminally ill with blood cancer and despite allegations from some groups in the U.K., the British authorities ruled there were "no suspicious circumstances" surrounding the death.

In the wake of the documentary, Sikh Federation UK said it has written to Security Minister Dan Jarvis to demand why the British government had intelligence from July 2023 that it had not shared or referred to "when specifically asked by MPs representing the Sikh community".

Meanwhile, the U.S.-based Pannun, designated a terrorist by India for his Khalistani extremism, is interviewed in the *Bloomberg* documentary surrounded by armed bodyguards. He claims to be in fear for his life.

India has strongly rejected Canadian allegations as "absurd and motivated" and a "deliberate strategy of smearing India for political gains".

'Training first responders can help organ donation after road accident'

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

A 2023 report says that 1.7 lakh road accident victims could have been potential donors

India faces a critical shortage of organs for transplantation with the rate of organ donation continuing to be less than one deceased donor per million population and with thousands of patients on waiting list for different organs.

To help these patients, the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) has written to the States and Union Territories that imparting training to first responders in road accident emergencies – police personnel, ambulance drivers, emergency medical technicians, para-medical staffs and so on – could play a vital role in identification of potential donors and timely referral and harvesting of organs from those who give consent for donation.

It said that a large number of deaths occur due to road traffic accidents.

As per the report titled "Road accidents in India 2023" of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, around 1.7 lakh persons were killed in road accidents in the year 2023, and they could have been potential organ donors. Many of these potential organ donors are lost due to lack of timely identification and referral, the letter said.

'Flow of information'

"It is required to put in place mechanisms for flow of information from the first responders to the transplant coordinators available in the nearest trauma centres or hospitals or medical colleges. These efforts will potentially save the lives of accident victims, and in other cases organ donation may be considered in identified brain stem death cases as per the procedures laid down in the Transplantation of Human Organs & Tissues Act, 1994 and rules thereunder," it noted.

NOTTO said this can be a cascading mode of training integrating basic modules on organ donation awareness, brain stem death identification, and standard operating procedures for trauma referrals.

INBRIEF

Panasonic India Chairman Manish Sharma steps down

Panasonic Life Solutions India Chairman Manish Sharma has resigned from the company after steering the appliance and consumer electronics product maker for over a decade. Mr. Sharma, who was elevated as MD & CEO of Panasonic India in 2012 and since been leading the company, will continue by the end of this year, helping for a smooth transition of the leadership. He will continue to support the organisation during the transition period. PTI

Think Investments invests ₹136 crore in PhysicsWallah

Global investment firm Think Investments has invested about ₹136 crore in edtech unicorn PhysicsWallah as part of a pre-IPO funding round. As part of the transaction, Think Investments picked up 1.07 crore equity shares, amounting to 0.37% stake in PhysicsWallah from 14 employees of the edtech firm. The shares were bought at ₹127 per piece, which is 17% above ₹109, the upper price band. This translates to a transaction size of ₹136.17 crore.

Realty firm Signature Global posts ₹47 cr. loss in July-Sept.

Realty firm Signature Global has reported a consolidated net loss of ₹46.86 crore for the July-September period of FY26 on lower income. It clocked a net profit of ₹4.15 crore in the year-ago period. Total income fell to ₹372.51 crore in the second quarter of this fiscal from ₹777.42 crore a year ago, according to a filing. For the first six months of this fiscal, the company posted a net loss of ₹12.42 crore as against a net profit of ₹10.94 crore in the year-ago period. PTI

Centre notifies rules for deep-sea fishing

Rules for sustainable harnessing of fisheries in EEZ aims to give priority to fishermen cooperative societies, fish farmer producer organisations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sea of change: The Ministry said the initiative is expected to open new horizons for the country's marine fisheries sector. FILE PHOTO

The Union Government on Saturday notified the rules for 'Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)' to give priority to fishermen cooperative societies and fish farmer producer organisations (FFPOs) for undertaking deep-sea fishing operations and managing technologically advanced vessels. "The EEZ rules will not only facilitate deep-sea fishing but will also contribute to enhancing seafood exports by emphasising value addition, traceability, and certification," the Union Fisheries Ministry said in a release.

The rules has defined "operator" as an individual or enterprise, or FFPOs or Fisheries Cooperatives (including multi-state cooperatives), that controls the operation or management of a fishing vessel or who has assumed the responsibility for its operation.

The rules added that the Centre would take steps to provide training and capacity-building of traditional and small-scale fishers including fisheries cooperatives, Self Help Groups and FFPOs to enhance skills for deep sea fishing and value-chain efficiencies.

The Ministry said the initiative is expected to open new horizons for the country's marine fisheries sector through the creation of modern infrastructure and the introduction of the mother-and-child vessel concept, allowing mid-sea transshipment under an effective monitoring mechanism of RBI regulations. "In island regions of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep, which together account for 49% of India's EEZ area, the use of mother and child vessels will give boost to the export of high-quality fish," the Ministry said.

A spokesman for the Seafood Exporters Association of India said the rules should define juvenile and illegal fishing and must ensure that a proper catch certification is provided by the Marine Products Export Development Authority. "We need to have a proper catch certification and the country must promote sustainable fishing practices to help us get new markets," he said.

The rules prescribe that the applications for catch certificate and health certificate shall be submitted through designated online portals of the respective agencies, which shall be duly integrated with the 'ReALCRaft' portal for verification and processing of vessel and catch-related information. The Centre said the EEZ Rules take a firm stand against harmful fishing practices such as LED light fishing, pair trawling and bull trawling to protect the marine ecosystem and ensure equitable fishing opportunities.

"To conserve biodiversity, a minimum legal size for fish species will also be prescribed and Fisheries Management Plans will be developed in consultation with stakeholders including State governments to restore declining fish stocks. Mariculture practices such as sea-cage farming and seaweed cultivation will also be promoted as alternate livelihoods in order to reduce fishing pressure in nearshore areas while increasing production without compromising environmental integrity," it said.

Implementation of projects signed in 'Rising Rajasthan' being expedited

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant said projects worth ₹7 lakh crore had been expedited

The implementation of projects stemming from the memorandum of understanding (MoUs) signed during the 'Rising Rajasthan' global investment summit here in December 2024 is being expedited with the emphasis on their timely completion.

Regular monitoring of investment process is expected to ensure on-ground action.

The three-day investment summit held in Jaipur from December 9 to 11, 2024 had facilitated the signing of MoUs worth ₹35 lakh crore. Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant said at a high-level review meeting here on Friday that projects worth ₹7 lakh crore had already been expedited.

Mr. Pant asked the departments concerned to work collectively to increase the number of projects being implemented by maintaining continuous contact and coordination with the investors. The State government will organise a two-day 'Rising Rajasthan' partnership conclave here on December 11 and 12, as a follow-up to the investment summit.

The first Pravasi Rajasthani Diwas, recognising the contributions of migrants from Rajasthan to other States and countries, will also be observed along with the partnership conclave on December 10. Mr. Pant instructed the officials to upload recent photographs and status updates of ongoing groundbreaking and implementation activities on the designated portal.

"We need to work on a mission mode after formulating an effective action plan. Timely facilitation, proactive coordination, and swift resolution of investor concerns are essential for realising the State's vision of sustained industrial growth and employment generation," he said.

Mr. Pant also asked the officials to inform the investors of the direct land allotment scheme of Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation (RIICO), which offers industrial plots at reserved prices to investors who have signed MoUs under the investment summit. The plots are being allotted across various new and existing industrial areas developed by RIICO.

While the RIICO has allocated 347.45-hectares for implementation of 1,387 MoUs, the Revenue Department has allocated 34,000 hectares for 33 projects and the Civil Aviation Department has allocated 22,000-hectare for eight projects so far.

IPO wave brings back 'cautious' retail investors

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MUMBAI

The average daily turnover (ADT) in the cash segment of the secondary equity market is reviving after the recent fall, driven by improving retail participation even as concerns over high valuations and growth uncertainties persist.

The ADT on the NSE was up marginally last month at ₹98,740 crore against ₹98,312 crore in September. It was up 6% compared with ₹93,545 crore in August, according to data from the NSE.

But the ADT in the first seven months of this fiscal was down 19% at ₹1.01 lakh crore against ₹1.24 lakh crore in the same period last year. The number of listed entities on the NSE rose 10% in September to 2,856 supported by strong IPO activity.

The ADT in the BSE's cash segment was down at ₹7,662 crore last month against ₹7,743 crore in September. In the first seven month of this fiscal, the ADT was down 17% at ₹7,598 crore. Traded securities on BSE were up 7% at 6,277 in September against 5,869 last September.

Abhishek Mishra, Founding Partner at SKG Investment and Advisory, said equity markets are showing early signs of a cautious revival even as participation breadth remained solid. Both NSDL and CDSL added 25 lakh new demat accounts in September, he said.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

Suzlon to sharply grow EPC business for better margins

Lalatendu Mishra
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J.P. Chalasani

As part of a strategy to improve its core business and to scale up competitive advantage as well as margins, wind turbine manufacturer Suzlon Energy Ltd., has decided to sharply grow its engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) business in the coming years.

"We want to increase our EPC share in the overall business to 50% from the current 20% [out of the total 6.5 Gigawatts] so that it gives us competitive advantage. It will give us control on the project execution. It will further improve the number of turbines to be produced. We are working on different aspects of further growth beyond FY26," J.P. Chalasani, Group CEO, Suzlon Energy said in an interview.

In EPC, the company does everything on turnkey basis for a client, starting from land acquisition to the completion of the project and operational maintenance. In the normal course of business since the company completely depends upon the client it had decided to move to EPC, he said. He said the company had already started land acquisition for the purpose.

"We have identified potential wind sites across six States for about 23 gigawatts. And then we started land acquisition for about 7.5 gigawatts," he said.

"EPC will give us control on the project execution. So, we can do a faster project execution because land is in advance and we have the full control. This would lead to faster execution, meaning more turbines supplied," he said.

"And more importantly, this becomes a significant competitive advantage to us because nobody, no one else in this country would offer EPC," he emphasised.

Commenting on the GST cut from 12% to 5% on wind turbines, he said it would create more demand as the tariff for wind is reduced by about 15-16 paise. On the demand scenario he said, "We are on the sweet spot today and also due to demand on account of growth in GDP." "Also because of green hydrogen and data centres are coming, the growth for renewable energy is going to be strong," he added.

Having witnessed a "good" first half, the company is looking for continuous improvements in the second half and beyond.

"The Q2 and H1 remained good. At the beginning of the year, we gave guidance that we will do 60% growth over last year in every parameter. We still maintain that. As of end of H1, our revenues grew by 70% and our EBITDA and profit both doubled. In spite of the fact that we supplied a large amount of turbines, the order book stands at 6.2 gigawatts at the end of September," he said. In Q2, Suzlon reported a six-fold YoY rise in net profit to ₹1,279 crore.

Goldman Sachs goes 'overweight' on India on coming growth

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MUMBAI

GS is bullish on sectors such as financials, consumer sectors, durables, defence, TMT

Goldman Sachs expects growth revival in India and sees a case to upgrade the country to 'overweight', after a year in which the domestic market lagged other emerging peers due to flight of foreign money.

It has raised India equities to overweight with a Nifty target of 29,000 by 2026 year-end, a 14% upside from current levels, led largely by earnings growth over the next two years. Goldman Sachs is bullish on sectors such as financials, consumer sectors, durables, defence, TMT (technology, media and telecommunications) and oil marketing companies.

Goldman Sachs had downgraded India in October last year due to stretched valuations and earnings slowdown.

"As the year progressed and earnings cuts materialised, tariff headwinds soured sentiment further and led to large foreign derisking. We now see a case for Indian equities to perform better over the coming year," Goldman Sachs said in its latest report *Leaning In as Growth Revives; Raising India back to Overweight*.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

Recycle gold, cut imports: Tanishq

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MUMBAI

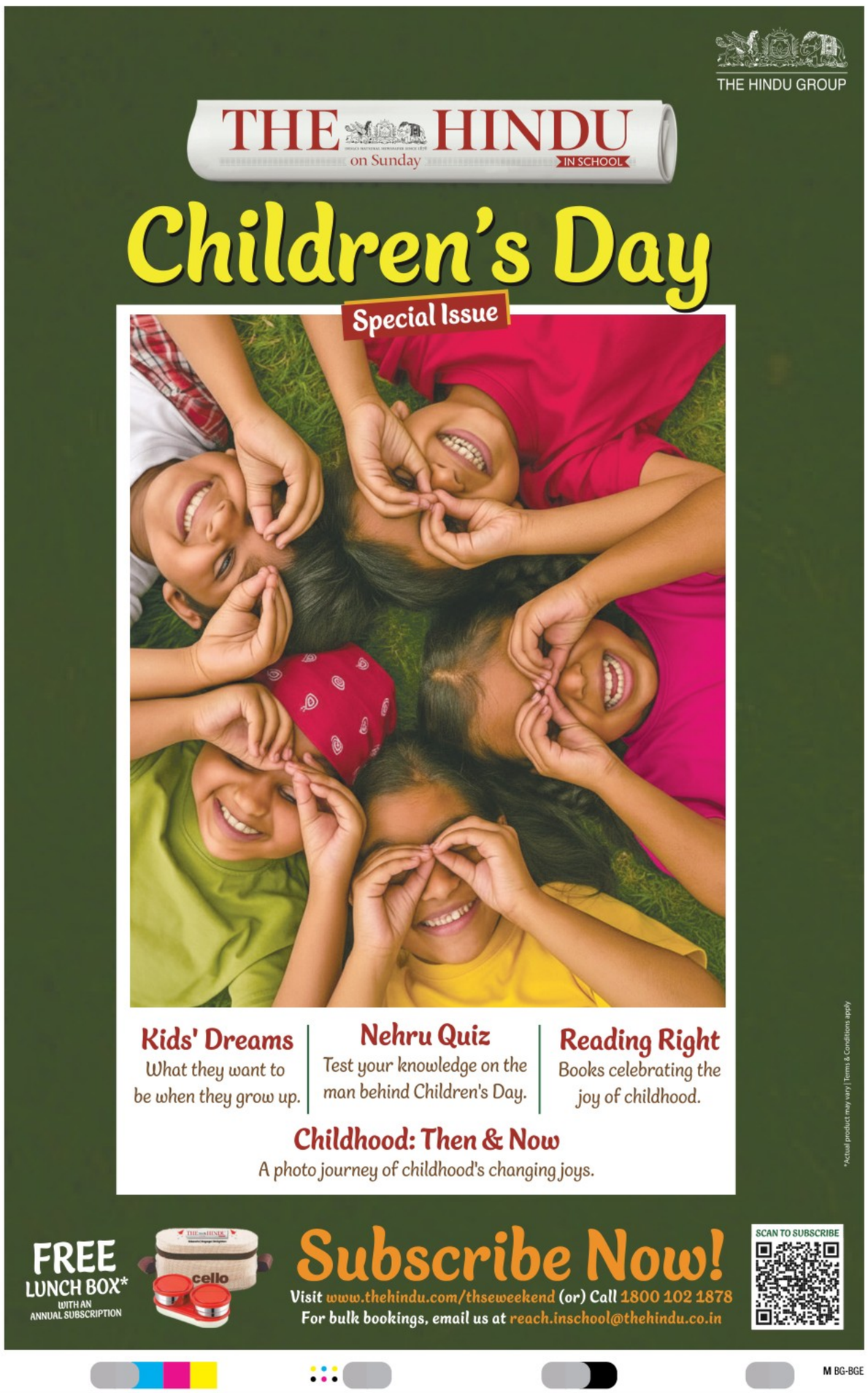
Amid steep rise in gold prices, gold exchange and recycling have gained momentum across the country and Tanishq said it is spearheading one of India's largest gold exchange initiatives aimed at strengthening self-reliance through recycling.

According to industry estimates, there are about 25,000 tonnes of gold in private lockers in India.

India imports about 720 to 780 tonnes of gold a year and if a portion of it can be met through internal sources, it would make a big difference, the jewellery brand from the House of Tata, opined.

Through its ongoing 'Make India Stronger with Tanishq Exchange' campaign, Tanishq said it is encouraging families to unlock the true value of their gold in lockers by offering a 0% deduction on exchange across karatages (KT) as low as 9 KT.

"Consumers are viewing price volatility as a strategic opportunity to reinvest – whether through gold coins or by upgrading their existing jewellery," said Ajoy Chawla, CEO, Jewellery Division, Titan Company Ltd.



‘Human biomass movement exceeds all land animals combined’

Divya Gandhi

A medium-sized, grey bird that weighs just 100 g travels from pole to pole each year, covering 90,000 km back and forth. Thus, the Arctic tern undertakes the longest journey of any of the planet’s wild animals. Every year, two million of these birds travel from the Arctic to Antarctica. But being so light, their total biomass is only 0.016 gigatonnes (Gt) per km per year.

The biomass movement of a species is its total biomass times the distance it actively travels. For instance, African elephants, which migrate miles in search of new territory or food, travel about 7 Gt/km/yr.

This is “similar to the biomass movement associated with international human gatherings such as ... the FIFA World Cup,” a paper published recently in *Nature Ecology & Evolution* said.

This study has now reported that the biomass movement of humans is 4,000 Gt/km/yr, “over 40-times greater than our best estimate for all wild land mammals, arthropods, and birds combined, and over six-times greater than the upper estimate for the biomass movement of all land animals combined.”

“As animals and humans move, they shape ecosystems in myriad ways, from transporting nutrients and organisms to trophic effects and physical ecosystem engineering,” according to the paper.

“It exemplifies how our species is a planetary scale force that is stronger than other species,” Ron Milo, a co-author of the paper and a professor at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel, told *The Hindu*. “This can help people understand how we are indeed also affecting our climate. It also shows we have the power and responsibility to take care of the terrestrial and oceanic environment.”

Humans move longer average distances of around 30 km per day, the study estimated, most of it using “motorised vehicles, with ~65% in cars and motorcycles, ~10% in airplanes and ~5% in trains and subways. Two-thirds of all motorised mobility occurs in high-income and upper-middle-income countries.”

Even as humans’ movement has exploded, that of marine animals, which the study estimated to be “the living world’s largest,” has halved since 1850 thanks to industrial fishing and whaling in the Anthropocene epoch.

Curiously, the biomass movement of domesticated animals was found to be of the same order of magnitude as humans and the locomotion of non-dairy cattle corresponds to most of this biomass movement, the authors added.

Citizen scientists help reveal ‘odd’ twin rings around galaxy

A citizen science group led by Prof. Ananda Hota trains volunteers to classify radio galaxies and has now reported a rare, powerful double odd radio circle using LOFAR data; the initiative strengthens astronomy in India

Monika Mondal

University of Mumbai professor Ananda Hota and his collaborators have been running the RAD@home Facebook group since 2013. Today it boasts around 4,700 members. Most of them are not professional astronomers, yet they essay important roles in making real astronomical discoveries.

On October 2, the group reported a highly unusual object first identified only in 2019 – an odd radio circle (ORC) – using data from the LOFAR telescope network in Europe. ORCs are large but faint circular radio sources typically surrounding a distant galaxy, and among the least understood objects in deep space.

The team also regularly unearths significant information on new galaxies and transient astronomical phenomena. RAD@home thus showcases the power of research driven with the help of citizen science, plus the assistance of the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) near Pune.

Spiral galaxies like the Milky Way contain many hot, young, bluer stars – while elliptical galaxies are dominated by older, cooler, redder stars. Most massive galaxies also host a supermassive black hole millions to billions of times the mass of our sun, at their centre. While in most galaxies these monsters are quiet, in some they’re extraordinarily active: they feed on the gas and dust to release enormous amounts of energy. Such galaxies are said to be active. When their black holes launch jets of plasma that shine brightly in the radio frequency, they’re called radio galaxies.

These jets can extend for millions of lightyears on either side of the galaxy. At the ends of these jets, there are two vast ‘radio lobes’. The appearance is akin to two balloons tethered by slender threads to either side of a sphere.

Because these jets typically form in massive, elliptical galaxies, astronomers long believed that spiral galaxies couldn’t host them. That assumption was upended when Hota *et al*. discovered an unusual spiral galaxy with large radio lobes in 2011. When Dr. Hota shared news of his discovery on a social media platform, he was surprised by the questions and comments his post elicited. Soon after, he launched RAD@home on Facebook and invited students to join, learn astronomy, and contribute to research.

Each search begins with virtual lectures over a weekend, where Dr. Hota and other researchers train participants to recognise the standard colour and structures of galaxies in ultraviolet, optical, infrared, and radio images. Radio galaxies can be classified by their shape and brightness.

In the Fanaroff-Riley (FR) classification, FR I sources are less luminous, with jets that fade as they move outward, and FR II sources are more powerful, with bright hotspots at the ends of their lobes. Astronomers also identify special subtypes such as X-shaped, double-double or giant radio galaxies, each revealing distinct episodes of jet activity.

Once participants understand what a typical radio galaxy looks like, they’re encouraged to look for sources that buck expectations.

Their latest discovery, a rare double-ORC, was published months after Prasun Machado, a RAD@home student participant, spotted two faint, circular structures in a non-standard radio galaxy in LOFAR data. These circles, far larger than the galaxies themselves, were a pair of ORCs – only the second known instance of such a twin and one of the most powerful ORCs on record.

Over the following months, Dr. Hota and his collaborators investigated the finding using archival radio and optical telescope data.

There is still no widely accepted definition of ORCs. Their true nature remains uncertain, and astronomers are exploring several possibilities. Dr. Hota said one idea is that when galaxies collide, they can generate powerful shockwaves that propagate outward into intergalactic space.

Over a billion years, these waves could form large circular structures, visible only at radio wavelengths. Another possibility is that ORCs are the aftereffects of powerful outbursts, perhaps when two supermassive black holes merge.

In the case of the twin ORCs, Dr. Hota speculated that plasma rings might be expanding in opposite directions, forming two large circles flanking the galaxy.

For now, he and his collaborators also aim to take advantage of the data collected by GMRT, one of the largest and most sensitive low-frequency radio telescopes in the world.

“People still think education and research are two separate stages: you first study, then do research,” Dr. Hota said. “That model is over. At any stage in your career, you can join research if you find a good mentor and a good project. Once we create this combined model of learning and discovery through various citizen science projects, Indian astronomy will grow faster.”

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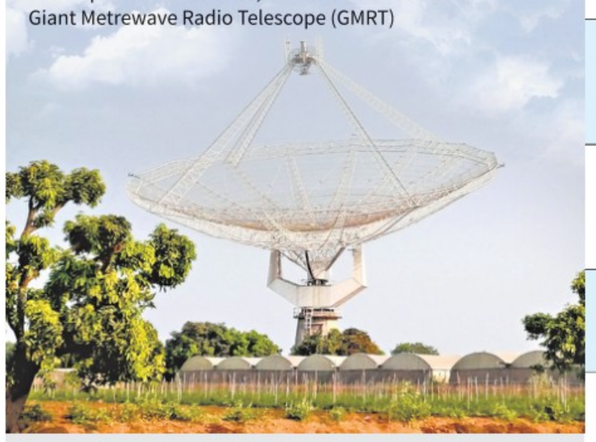
Eyes on the sky

RAD@home showcases the power of research driven with the help of citizen science, with the able assistance of the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT)



The GMRT is one of the largest and most sensitive low-frequency radio telescopes in the world. DESIBOY101 (CC BY)

- The RAD@home initiative, launched in 2013 by Ananda Hota, now has about 4,700 Facebook members participating
- Most members are not professional astronomers, yet after a little training, they help spot unusual astronomical phenomena
- On October 2, the group reported a double odd radio circle (ORC), only the second such astronomic object known of this type
- ORCs are vast, faint radio rings around galaxies; their origins remain uncertain, with multiple hypotheses
- A student first noticed the double ORC; collaborators then corroborated the find with archival radio and optical observations

Artificial intelligence cannot live off free art forever

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Australia isn’t known for building world-leading artificial intelligence systems. But the island nation might just become the moral compass for how the rest of the democratic world approaches them. Last week, Australia took a stand on what may become the defining issue of the AI age: how machines learn, and at whose expense.

The story begins with a think tank most people barely know: Australia’s Productivity Commission. In August, it released a dense report titled ‘Harnessing Data and Digital Technology’. Buried in it was a radical idea to give AI companies a free pass to mine copyrighted content.

The commission called it a “text and data mining exception,” which simply means that books, journalism, songs, and art could be scraped to train AI models without asking permission or paying for it.

The commission’s reasoning sounded pragmatic: AI needs tomes of data to improve, and removing copyright barriers was aimed at helping the island nation catch up in the global tech race. But that logic misses a moral and an economic truth that AI can’t live off free art forever.

Every dataset that powers machine intelligence is built on human creativity. To treat that work as free fuel is to erode the very culture that makes intelligence, artificial or otherwise, worth having.

Predictably, the reaction was fierce. Authors, artists, and news organisations accused the government of handing their life’s work to Big Tech for nothing. The outrage reached Canberra, and Attorney General Michelle Rowland drew a line in the sand. “Australian creatives are not only world-class – they are the lifeblood of Australian culture,” she said. “Technology’s advance must not come at their expense.”

Every dataset that powers machine intelligence is built on human creativity. GETTY IMAGES

With that, the government scrapped the proposal and set up the Copyright and AI Reference Group (CAIRG), tasked with designing new licensing models to ensure creators are paid when their work trains AI. A technical tweak on paper, but a seismic shift on the ground.

Australia has become the first major democracy to say, unequivocally, that human creativity is not public property just because it’s online. It’s a stance that will reverberate far beyond its borders. World democracies must take a stance on how AI companies can train their models using “text and data” from copyrighted material.

If AI systems depend on human-generated content, who controls that input, and how are the profits shared between parties?

Data is critical to AI, and restricting access can slow innovation. And today’s AI models have already consumed most of the internet’s text, art, and music. What’s left are the works of art and literature that are yet to be produced. It is high time that governments around the world wake up and put up a working mechanism in place where human creativity is fairly compensated by AI companies that unethically scrape the web to train their AI models.

By rejecting unrestricted scraping, Australia forces AI companies to grow up. If they want high-quality, up-to-date data, they’ll have to negotiate, license, and pay. That’s not a roadblock, but the next stage of evolution: a shift from extraction to cooperation.

The AI industry stands at a crossroads. It can keep hoovering up culture in a legal grey zone, inviting lawsuits and public distrust, or it can build something sustainable through an ecosystem where innovation is built on consent and compensation.

Australia’s move offers a blueprint for other democracies to follow. It shows that protecting creators isn’t anti-innovation. It’s how innovation earns legitimacy. Ultimately, the future of AI depends on not just processing power, but human creative input that enables machines to learn. And no matter how clever the machines get, they can’t live off free art forever.

SNAPSHOTS

‘Brain size tied to protecting embryos, body temperature’

Using data from some 2,600 species, researchers have found that two conditions consistently correlate with bigger brains across birds, mammals, and cartilaginous fishes: species’ tendency to guard, bear or provision embryos and those with higher, more stable body temperatures. The two factors also interact: warmer bodies amplified brain size gains linked to bigger newborns. It also showed that body temperature better explained brain size differences in birds and mammals.

Activity slows tau build-up in preclinical Alzheimer’s

In a study of 296 older adults over nine years, researchers found that more physical activity didn’t change amyloid levels. However, among people who already had higher amyloid, more steps were linked to slower build-up of tau in the inferior temporal cortex, which in turn explained most of the link between activity and slower decline on cognitive tests and partly with functional abilities. Even moving from inactivity to 3,001-5,000 steps a day helped.

Sony AI presents fair human image set for benchmarking

Sony AI has developed a dataset called FHIBE, containing 10,318 images of 1,981 consenting adults from 81 countries, with self-reported details such as pronouns, age, ancestry, and skin tone, plus pixel-level annotations. It’s a diverse evaluation dataset for computer vision systems that analyse people. Using FHIBE, researchers have confirmed disparities in existing AI models and uncovered new ones, e.g. that baldness affects face-based tasks and that pose can confound results when detecting persons.

Question Corner

Patterns in the sky

Why do clouds have different shapes?

Cloud shapes arise from how air moves and mixes at different heights. When air rises, it cools. If it cools to its dew point, water vapour condenses into droplets or ice, forming a cloud.

If the rising is gentle and spread out, such as when warm air slides over cooler air, flat and layered stratus clouds form. If the rising is strong and localised, e.g., when wind pushes air up a hill, the result is the puffy cumulus cloud. If the same process happens harder and at higher altitudes, towering cumulonimbus clouds take shape.

The atmosphere’s stability controls vertical growth. In stable air, a lifted parcel tends to sink back down, but in unstable air, a lifted parcel keeps rising and so clouds build upward. Wind shear can stretch or flatten clouds. Steady, smooth winds over mountains can form smooth lenticular lenses. Layers of air sliding over each other can create wavy Kelvin-Helmholtz curls.

High humidity favours thicker, darker clouds and drier air frays the edges. Small droplets make smooth, milky layers. Mixed droplets and ice create more structure.

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What does new study show on diabetes risks?

Can tiny molecules in blood predict diabetes and kidney complications before tests show signs of disease?

Purnima Sah

The story so far:

India has one of the highest burdens of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) globally, with over 100 million people living with diabetes and another 136 million classified as pre-diabetic. Despite this, most diagnoses still rely on conventional tools and tests which often detect the disease only after significant damage has occurred. A new study published in the *Journal of Proteome Research* by researchers from IIT Bombay, Osmania Medical College, and Clarity Bio Systems suggests that tiny molecules in blood, known as metabolites, could serve as early warning signals for diabetes and its complications, particularly kidney disease.

What are biochemical markers?

Biochemical markers are small molecules produced during metabolic processes in the body. These include sugars, amino acids, lipids, and other compounds that reflect the state of various organs and systems. Metabolomic profiling, the large-scale study of these molecules, allows researchers to detect subtle changes in the body's chemistry that may precede disease. Using advanced techniques like liquid chromatography and mass spectrometry, scientists can analyse hundreds of metabolites from a single blood sample.

In the recent study, researchers used dried blood spots, a simple finger-prick method, to collect samples from 52 individuals, including healthy participants, diabetics, and those with diabetic kidney disease (DKD). They found distinct patterns in the levels of certain metabolites that could help identify disease risk earlier than usual tests.

> By identifying disease risk before symptoms appear, healthcare providers can intervene early, potentially preventing complications such as kidney failure

What did the study find?

The study identified 26 metabolites that differed significantly between healthy individuals and those with diabetes. These included expected markers like glucose and cholesterol, but also lesser-known compounds such as valerobetaine, ribothymidine, and fructosyl-pyroglutamate. Among those with kidney complications, seven metabolites – including arabitol, myo-inositol, and 2PY – showed a progressive increase from healthy to diabetic to DKD stages. Sneha Rana, the study's first author and a Ph.D scholar in Professor Pramod Wangikar's lab at IIT Bombay, explained, "Type 2 diabetes is not just about high blood sugar; it disrupts multiple metabolic pathways that standard tests often miss."

The study also revealed two distinct subgroups among diabetics. One group had metabolic profiles closer to healthy individuals, while the other showed pronounced changes in markers related to stress, inflammation, and energy metabolism.

Why is this important for India?

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research - India Diabetes survey, 11.4% of adults have diabetes and 15.3% are pre-diabetic. The country also faces high rates of hypertension, obesity, and other metabolic risk factors. Yet, more than 80% of people with NCDs remain undiagnosed or inadequately treated. Early detection tools like metabolomic profiling could be transformative. By identifying disease risk before symptoms appear or organs are damaged, healthcare providers can intervene earlier, potentially preventing complications such as kidney failure, heart disease, and nerve damage. If validated in larger studies, metabolomic markers could be used to develop low-cost, field-friendly tests for early screening. The use of dried blood spots makes sample collection easy and scalable, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Moreover, metabolomic profiling could enable personalised care. Patients could be grouped based on their metabolic profiles, allowing doctors to tailor interventions, from lifestyle changes to medication, based on individual risk.

Are there limitations to this approach?

While the findings are promising, the study had a small sample size and needs to be replicated across larger and more diverse populations. Translating metabolomic data into clinical practice also poses challenges, including standardising lab protocols, ensuring regulatory approvals, and making the technology accessible. Mass spectrometry, the technique used to analyse metabolites, is expensive and not widely available outside research settings. Developing affordable versions of these tests will be crucial for widespread adoption.

Researchers are planning larger cohort studies to validate these findings and explore how metabolomic markers perform across different age groups, ethnicities, and comorbidities. If successful, India could lead the way in integrating metabolomics into routine healthcare, shifting from reactive treatment to proactive prevention.

What's the plan to relocate forest tribes?

What will happen to those living in traditional forest habitats within tiger reserves? What are they guaranteed under the Forest Rights Act? Why did a directive from the National Tiger Conservation Authority prompt the setting up of a new policy framework?

Abhinay Lakshman

The story so far:

The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has prepared a new policy framework that outlines the procedures to be followed when implementing existing laws governing the relocation of forest-dwelling communities from tiger reserves.

What is the brief?

This policy brief reiterates that relocations be considered a last resort and that if they are carried out, the rights of forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes and others must be settled under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, first. Notably, the policy brief spells out mechanisms that allow these communities to continue residing within tiger reserves and also provides for measures that include them in the conservation and management of the biodiversity within the reserves.

What is the framework?

This policy brief titled "Reconciling Conservation and Community Rights: A Policy Framework for Relocation and Co-existence in India's Tiger Reserves" was prepared by the Tribal Affairs Ministry in October this year. It calls for a National Framework for Community-Centred Conservation and Relocation, through which the Environment Ministry and Tribal Affairs Ministry can jointly set procedural standards, timelines, and accountability. It also suggests a National Database on Conservation-Community Interface (NDCCI) to record and track relocations, compensation, and status post-relocation. It recommends annual independent audits of relocation projects by empanelled agencies that assess compliance with the FRA, the Wildlife Protection Act (WPA), 1972 and human rights standards. The policy document also spells out consent procedures, specifying that consent for relocation must be obtained before any administrative notification declares an area as part of a tiger reserve. It adds that the consent must be verifiable, not just at the Gram Sabhas' level, but also at the level of each household.

> Many tribes allege that they are being pushed to relocate when the FRA allows them to live in tiger reserves

It further stresses that forest-dwelling communities residing within tiger reserves must have the option to exercise their rights under the FRA to continue living in their traditional forest habitats. In the framework, the Tribal Affairs Ministry has said that, "The State bears an affirmative constitutional duty to safeguard these rights (FRA rights of forest-dwellers) and may not curtail them except upon demonstrable ecological necessity." The Ministry has stated that this policy framework is intended to develop a collaborative approach between the Ministries of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, and Tribal Affairs so that "relocation, if undertaken, be voluntary, scientifically justified, rights-compliant, and grounded in equity and dignity".

Sharing space: Tribals assert their claims over forest land in the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, in Karnataka on June 7. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Why this policy brief now?

According to a letter to the Secretary of the Environment Ministry sent by the Tribal Affairs Ministry on October 22, this policy brief was prepared in the wake of several representations to the government over "serious concerns" about the "overall non-implementation" of the FRA in areas declared as tiger reserves and other protected areas. The letter communicating the policy brief to the Environment Ministry noted that these representations had come from State governments and Gram Sabhas that are within the boundaries of tiger reserves.

In June 2024, a directive from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), calling for States to prioritise relocations from tiger reserves, had led to widespread protests from Gram Sabhas. This also led to representations to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) and the Union government, seeking the rollback of this directive.

Village relocations have been a feature of India's efforts for tiger conservation from as early as 1973, and these have come to be governed by the twin operation of the WPA and the FRA. While the WPA empowered forest departments to create the spaces required to sustain tiger populations, the FRA mandated them to settle forest-dwellers' rights to land, forest produce, and other forest activities, allowing them to either continue living in their habitats or to relocate them with a monetary package. In case the villagers choose to stay on, the administration is mandated to provide them with basic services and infrastructure. For relocation, guidelines provide an option for a monetary package, which currently stands at ₹15 lakh per family. But the process of relocating villages from forested areas being identified for tiger conservation has been controversial, with many forest-dwelling communities, often Scheduled Tribes, alleging that they were being pushed to opt for relocation when the FRA allowed them to continue living there, or accusing administrations of depriving them of basic facilities for choosing to stay on.

For instance, in the Nagarhole National Park in Karnataka, one such conflict is playing out in the State's High Court, where the Jenu Kuruba community, a Scheduled Tribe Group, has argued that their rights to ancestral lands within the tiger reserves were not being recognised under the FRA.

According to a reply in Parliament this August, the Environment Ministry said that since January 2022, a total of 5,166 families from 56 villages were relocated from tiger reserves in as many as seven States across the country, such as Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, and Rajasthan. There were 591 villages and 64,801 families within the core areas of tiger reserves as of June last year, according to the NTCA.

Why does it matter?

While existing laws, rules, and guidelines for the relocation of villages from tiger reserves already mandate that village relocation must be voluntary and only carried out once it has been scientifically determined that no form of cohabitation with human settlements is possible, the gaps in the way these rules are implemented has necessitated their reiteration in the new policy brief from the Tribal Affairs Ministry. The current guidelines governing the relocation of villages from tiger reserve areas come from the NTCA, which operates under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change.

The new policy brief from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs notes the need for monitoring the relocations being carried out under these guidelines, and suggests mechanisms for this that require more involvement and oversight from the Tribal Affairs Ministry's representatives and outside experts.

What next?

The Tribal Affairs Ministry's letter to the Environment Ministry noted the "critical importance" of the points raised in the policy brief and has sought the latter's cooperation in this regard. The Tribal Affairs Ministry has said that this policy document should be circulated across Tribal Welfare and Forest Departments in the States, down to the district level.

How is AI going to be regulated in India?

What are the government's India AI Governance Guidelines? Why have guidelines become necessary? What is the key thrust? How do the guidelines look at AI models for Indian circumstances? What are the concerns it raises about AI usage and intellectual property rights?

Aroon Deep

The story so far:

On November 5, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) unveiled the India AI Governance Guidelines, a 66-page document outlining an approach to regulating and promoting the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies in Indian society. The guidelines' launch marks one of the many steps the government is taking in the months leading up to the AI Impact Summit 2026, to be hosted by India in New Delhi.

What do the guidelines seek to accomplish?

The guidelines flow from the government's need to have a consistent way to regulate the AI industry and the use of its tools, especially in the light of their growing usage in India, the world's second largest user of Large Language Models (LLMs) like ChatGPT after the U.S. "India's goal is to harness the transformative potential of AI for inclusive development and global competitiveness, while addressing the risks it may pose to individuals and society," the guidelines say. In previous multilateral AI summits in Bletchley Park (U.K.), Seoul and Paris, governments have generally agreed on rough starting points to managing the spread of LLMs and AI in their countries: watch out for and classify the risks that can emerge, create policies for who will be responsible when something goes wrong, and conduct safety research among other things.

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The guidelines outline a strategy for India to approach this process. An earlier draft framework was prepared by a subcommittee under a Principal Scientific Adviser-led advisory group. These guidelines, however, have been finalised by a committee set up by MeitY in July, separate from that subcommittee. The committee is led by Balaraman Ravindran, who who leads the Centre for Responsible AI (CeRAI) at IIT Madras.

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What do the rules recommend?

On the back of principles like people-centricity, accountability, fairness, and understandability (of AI models), the guidelines recommend setting up lines of communication between different parts of the government, like Ministries, sectoral regulators, standards setting agencies, etc. It is recommended that these groups meet often and suggest changes to the law, voluntary commitments, put out standards, and "[i]ncrease access to AI safety tools." The overarching inter-ministerial body would be the proposed "AI Governance Group". Beyond the Ministries, the framework recommends the RBI for the financial industry (the RBI has put out its own FREE-AI Committee report for the banking and finance industry in August), bodies like NITI Aayog, and standards organisations like the Bureau of Indian Standards.

The guidelines also include some advice to the private sector, namely to "ensure compliance with all Indian laws; adopt voluntary frameworks; publish transparency reports; provide grievance redressal mechanisms; [and] mitigate risks with techno-legal solutions." Many of the safety-related recommendations rely on the AI Safety Institute (AISI), a framework that is in place in many countries, including in India; while there is no physical institute, the government has designated a group of academia brought together under the IndiaAI Mission as an online AISI.

A key differentiator from similar AI policies elsewhere is the emphasis the guidelines put on building infrastructure and making it accessible. The policy recommends that State governments "increase AI adoption through initiatives on infrastructure development and increasing access to data and computing resources." On the other hand, the recommendations join other countries' concerns around AI and intellectual property, and recommend legal changes in the copyright law to address the issues coming up in that area. The guidelines also reiterate other India-specific priorities that the government has expressed, such as building AI models for Indian languages: one recommendation pushes for the "use of locally relevant datasets to support the creation of culturally representative models and applications".

Are the guidelines consistent with what the government is planning around AI?

The Union government has largely followed a hands-off approach to pre-emptive AI regulation, as is the case in most countries around the world, with one sharp exception: the issue of deepfakes. "Content authentication," as the guidelines put it, is a pressing issue, the guidelines say. In the weeks leading up to the guidelines, MeitY proposed rules that would require social media companies to label synthetically (AI-generated) images and videos.

There are other parts of the guidelines that are in line with what MeitY has already been doing: for instance, the IndiaAI Mission under the Ministry is already procuring Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) for a common compute facility and sharing access to that compute capacity with researchers and startups.

Another recommendation, to "[s]upport the integration of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) with AI with policy enablers," also seems in motion: the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), which manages Aadhaar, easily India's most recognisable example of DPI, has formed a committee this month to deliberate how to use AI to add value to the ID number.

While the guidelines are a result of the government's main AI policymakers' deliberations (such as Additional Secretary Abhishek Singh), IT Secretary S. Krishnan said at the launch that if evolving circumstances demanded quick action outside the framework envisioned by this document, the government "won't hesitate" to act quickly, such as by passing a stringent law.

America's Mamdani moment

Democratic Socialism

Zohran Mamdani's victory in New York, a city with a budget of over $100 billion and a population larger than that of 40 U.S. States, demonstrates that the political movement has transcended niche activism to achieve mainstream electoral viability

Srinivasan Ramani

In an election cycle where the Democrats won multiple mayoralties and governor positions across the U.S., Zohran Mamdani's victory in New York stood out. Mr. Mamdani's triumph was singular because of his unabashed "democratic socialism" platform, which defeated well-funded Democratic establishment candidate Andrew Cuomo, who ran as an Independent. His win reflects the growing electoral viability of a political tradition hitherto marginalised in U.S. politics: socialism.

On the surface, Mr. Mamdani's key promises – rent freezes, public groceries, universal childcare, fare-free buses, and affordable housing – would seem to be standard welfare-state policies familiar in European political economies or Global South democracies. But Mr. Mamdani has pledged to fundamentally restructure the relationship between New York's city government and its 8.5 million residents, reflecting an ideological clarity rooted in democratic socialist principles, much different from the largely pragmatic Democratic Party mainstream.

What exactly is 'democratic socialism'? How does it differ from European social democracy– particularly the Nordic model? And how does it differentiate itself from the 'revolutionary socialism' associated with Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin?

Political movement

Mr. Mamdani, like many democratic socialists, holds dual membership – he is both a Democrat and a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), which is not a political party but rather an advocacy platform and membership organisation. The DSA adopted a new programmatic vision at its 2025 National Convention titled 'Workers Deserve More'. The programme declares its mission to unite workers into a powerful political movement to win the battle for democracy, with the ultimate goal of putting workers in charge of government through a new democratic constitution based on proportional representation that ends the role of money in politics.

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This differs fundamentally from European social democracy. The Nordic model seeks to reform capitalism through robust welfare states, progressive taxation and strong labour protections while keeping the capitalist market economy intact. While U.S. leaders like Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders identify as "democratic socialist", their platforms often align more closely with European social democracy. The DSA, however, aims to gradually replace capitalism itself with "social ownership" of major industries. The programme explicitly identifies capitalism as "the cause of violence, unemployment, and a climate crisis that poses an existential threat to life on earth", arguing that billionaires control and profit from basic human needs like housing, healthcare, and education.

Yet, this doesn't mean nationalising every enterprise. A democratic socialist economy would feature democratic planning of major investments – infrastructure, energy, telecommunications – alongside market exchange of consumer goods. Large concentrated industries would be publicly owned and managed by worker and consumer representatives, while many consumer-goods industries would operate as cooperatives. The goal is democratic economic participation – "a government by, for, and of the working class". Democratic socialists also reject Marxism-Leninism's 'vanguard party' revolution, instead using existing democratic processes – elections, legislation, mass mobilisation – to achieve change.

Mr. Sanders emphasised throughout his presidential campaigns that many programmes U.S. citizens now consider essential – social security, the minimum wage, Medicare – were denounced as 'socialist' when first proposed. Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal reforms faced fierce opposition, and 'democratic socialists', in Mr. Sanders's view, only seek to complete Roosevelt's unfinished project. His refusal to abandon his democratic socialist identity while running competitive national campaigns legitimised socialism in mainstream discourse – DSA membership surged from 6,500 in 2014 to over 85,000 today, with over 13,000 joining in the eight months following Donald Trump's 2016 election victory.

Mr. Mamdani's main promises exemplify 'decommodification', key to the principles of democratic socialism, which means the removal of essential human needs from private market provisioning and treating them as social rights. His rent freeze treats housing as a right in a city where 68% are renters facing crippling cost burdens. Municipal groceries, universal childcare, fare-free buses, and 200,000 units of permanently affordable housing all transform essential needs from commodities into social rights.

Beyond economics

Democratic socialism extends beyond welfare economics. The DSA's 2025 programme centres racial justice, noting that "black and brown workers in racially segregated communities bear the brunt of capitalism's cruelties, suffering especially from poverty wages, discrimination, deportation, and unemployment". Current priorities include "defeating the far-right, protecting the rights of the working-class, from the U.S. to Palestine, and fighting for democracy", reflecting an internationalist stance. Environmental sustainability is equally central, combating climate change while rejecting the fossil fuel industry's "greed and profiteering".

The DSA was founded in 1982 through a merger of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee and the New American Movement by Michael Harrington, whose 1962 book *The Other America* helped inspire Lyndon Johnson's war on poverty. Harrington, who served as the DSA's chair, envisioned a multi-tendency organisation that could unite various progressive constituencies such as trade unionists, civil rights activists, feminists, and anti-war progressives.

The DSA has achieved significant electoral victories, with Congressional wins by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in 2018, followed by Rashida Tlaib and Cori Bush among others. At the municipal level, democratic socialists have captured city council seats from Seattle to Chicago to Philadelphia.

Yet, Mr. Mamdani's triumph stands apart. New York City, with a budget of over $100 billion and a population exceeding that of 40 U.S. States, represents one of the most complex and influential examples of American urban governance.

For a democratic socialist to win this prize demonstrates that the movement has transcended niche activism to achieve mainstream electoral viability.

Mr. Mamdani's victory, for democratic socialist thinkers, validates the theory that substantive reforms and structural transformation require a combination of strong unions, community organisations, and the socialist movement. The prerequisites for success in economic struggles or workplace democracy require organised popular strength and the fact that an estimated 90,000 volunteers mobilised behind Mr. Mamdani's campaign, suggests that a movement was responsible for catapulting him to power.

Zohran Mamdani's tenure as New York's Mayor will now be watched closely to see whether his version of democratic socialism can actually govern, whether "decommodification" can be implemented at scale, whether a city can be run by and for working people and whether the unfinished agenda from the New Deal, as Mr. Sanders put it, can be realised in the U.S.'s largest city.

THE GIST

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Global watchtower

CTBTO

U.S. President Donald Trump's threat to restart nuclear testing poses immediate and longer-term risks for the global test ban

Vasudevan Mukunth

The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) grew from the campaign to close the last legal gap in nuclear restraint: a global, verifiable ban on all explosions. The UN General Assembly adopted a draft treaty to this end in September 1996 and opened it for signatures. Because entry into force required 44 named Annex 2 states with nuclear expertise to ratify it, governments created a Preparatory Commission in November 1996 to build and provisionally operate a verification regime before the treaty 'began'.

This verification regime is the CTBTO's principal political capital. It banks on the International Monitoring System (IMS), a network of 337 facilities combining seismic, hydroacoustic, infrasound, and radionuclide stations to continuously search for nuclear tests around the world. The International Data Centre harmonises and analyses these signals.

By running a global sensor network, the CTBTO created a de facto verification regime that helped sustain the moratorium on nuclear explosive testing that has held for all states (except India, Pakistan, and North Korea). It has also expanded the IMS's

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scientific uses, including for tsunami warnings, rendering its abrupt abandonment costly. However, the treaty itself remains in legal limbo. Most states have signed and ratified it but its enforcement still hinges on the eight Annex 2 holdouts. In 2023, Russia also revoked its prior ratification while pledging to continue observing the testing moratorium.

Against this backdrop, U.S. President Donald Trump's threat to restart nuclear testing, framed as regaining "equal" footing with Russia and China, poses immediate and longer-term risks for the global test ban. Analysts have noted that any U.S. return to explosive testing would invite reciprocal tests by other nuclear-armed states and complicate the CTBTO's political mission.

Significant hurdles still stand in the way of a U.S. nuclear test. The Nevada site's explosive testing infrastructure and workforce are in need of substantial refurbishment; even proponents have conceded that preparing an underground test would take time and considerable funds. An aboveground test would collide with the country's obligations under the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty and incur terrible environmental costs.

The U.S. remains a CTBT signatory and successive administrations have certified its stockpile without explosive tests while trackers such as SIPRI have documented processes to modernise it. If Washington were to test, thus, it would reduce the odds of ever meeting the CTBT's threshold for entering into force by hardening opposition among non-ratifying states and undermining coalitions in favour of the treaty.

For the CTBTO itself, the immediate impact of a renewed U.S. test would be paradoxical. While the system would perform as designed – detecting, locating, and characterising the event and disseminating data worldwide – the same success would coexist with damage to the organisation's raison d'être. That is, an explosive test by the treaty's most visible non-ratifying signatory would signal that the moratorium is contingent and feed arguments that it may never enter into force. Thus, while the rise of the CTBTO illustrated a practical way to build an institution in a previous era – create the tools, prove they're useful, and let them accrue political weight even without legal authority – its current status reflects its fragility. It has a near-complete global sensor network and has erected a strong taboo against nuclear testing, yet its unfinished character leaves it vulnerable to fresh political shocks.

Whether Mr. Trump's threat to restart U.S. testing will overcome decades of norm-building will be determined as much by choices in Washington, Moscow, Beijing, and other capitals as by the CTBTO's continued delivery of timely, credible data that leaves little ambiguity about any state's actions. The organisation can't compel ratification or prevent unilateral decisions but its core of transparency remains perhaps the most concrete path to eventually legally ensuring complete nuclear restraint.

Agents of death

Rapid Support Forces

The Sudanese paramilitary group, which seized El-Fasher late last month, is accused of committing war crimes and crimes against humanity

Stanly Johny

'Women and girls are being raped, people being mutilated and killed – with utter impunity,' said Tom Fletcher, the UN's top relief official, late last month about the takeover of El-Fasher, in Sudan's Darfur, by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF). After a 500-day-long battle, the RSF moved house to house in El Fasher targeting civilians. The city, already gripped by hunger, "has descended into an even darker hell," Mr. Fletcher told the Security Council on October 30.

The plight of Darfur is only a slice of the tragedy of Sudan, which plunged into a deadly civil war between the Army and the RSF in April 2023. More than 12 million people are estimated to have been displaced. More than 61,000 people are estimated to have been killed. While both sides are accused of committing atrocities, the RSF, commanded by Mohamed Hamdan Dagolo, was particularly blamed by rights organisations for its genocidal campaigns.

The RSF's roots go back to the notorious Janjaweed (literally, Spirit of the Horse), an Arab supremacist militia which was once backed by former Libyan leader Mohammer Qaddafi. When Sudan fell into a civil war in the 1990s, the regime of Omar al-Bashir backed Janjaweed, who unleashed brutal violence in Darfur. They beat back the rebels but were accused of carrying out genocidal acts against the Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa peoples of the region – all African communities. This period also saw the rise of Mr. Dagolo (popularly known as Hemedti, or Little Mohamed) through the ranks of the Janjaweed. When Mr. Bashir decided to form the RSF in 2013, he picked Hemedti as its commander.

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Within years, with Hemedti's quick rise as a confidant of Mr. Bashir, the RSF came directly under the President's command. Despite calls for its integration with the regular Army, the RSF remained autonomous. In the following years, the RSF acted as Mr. Bashir's feared private army. It faced allegations of torture, rape and mass killings.

When mass protests shook Sudan in 2019, Mr. Bashir turned to the RSF once again. In June, Hemedti's forces attacked peaceful protesters in Khartoum. Hundreds were killed. Bodies turned up in the Nile. But even the RSF could not quell the revolutionary spirit of the protesters. When the Army and the RSF realised that continuing agitations threatened to take away the privileges they enjoyed under the regime Mr. Bashir built, they decided to sacrifice the head of the regime to protect themselves.

Mr. Bashir was ousted from power. For Hemedti, it was an opportunity to formalise his influence in Sudan. For years, he was a warlord commanding a paramilitary force. Now, he became Number 2 in the transition government.

Two Generals

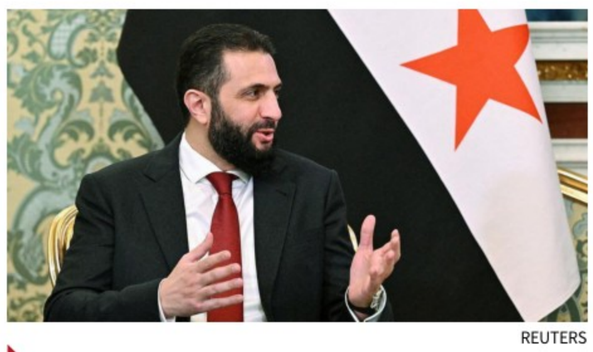
The Army, commanded by Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and the RSF, stood hand in hand in halting Sudan's transition to democracy in 2021. But the internal contradictions came to the surface once the Army seized power. Gen. Burhan, wary of Hemedti's ambitions, wanted to integrate the RSF into the regular Sudanese Army. The militia wanted a 10-year timeline for integration, while the military government insisted it happen in two years. As a power struggle broke out between the Generals, the RSF was deployed in Khartoum, the capital, on April 11, 2023. Fighting erupted soon after, plunging the whole country into a prolonged civil war.

Today, the Sudanese Army controls most of the country, including Khartoum, and Port Sudan, the Red Sea city which is the de facto capital. The RSF's stronghold is Darfur. With the fall of El Fasher in October, the Sudanese Army lost its last major territory in Darfur to the RSF.

The Sudanese government says the RSF gets backing from foreign powers, especially the UAE and the UAE-aligned factions in Libya. Egypt is believed to be backing the Army. The RSF has also formed a parallel government, which raised fears that the country could be fragmented further. As both sides dig in their heels, a lasting solution to Sudan's conflict remains elusive.

WASHINGTON

U.S. govt. removes Syrian President al-Sharaa from terrorism blacklist



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The United States on Friday formally removed Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa, also known as Abu Mohammad al-Jolani, from a terrorism blacklist, days before the former jihadist is set to make a landmark visit to Washington. The move was widely expected as Mr. al-Sharaa cooperates with the United States. AFP

TEHRAN

Iran plans water cuts in Tehran due to drought: Energy Minister

REUTERS

Iran said on Saturday it was planning to cut water periodically in Tehran, to limit consumption as the country faces one of its worst droughts in decades. "This will prevent waste, even if it causes some inconvenience," Energy Minister Abbas Aliabadi said on state television. AFP

SEOUL

N. Korea warns of more 'offensive action' after latest missile launch

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North Korea's Defence Minister warned on Saturday of more "offensive action", as Washington and Seoul criticised Pyongyang's latest ballistic missile launch. North Korea's missile launch on Friday came just over a week after U.S. President Donald Trump expressed interest in meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. AFP

DAR ES SALAAM

Tanzania charges more than 200 with treason after election protests

AFP

Tanzania charged more than 200 people with treason, a lawyer and judicial sources said, with the Opposition saying on Saturday yet another of their leaders had been arrested. Opposition party Chadema says at least 800 people were killed in the election violence. The authorities have declined to release any toll. AFP

Turkiye issues arrest warrant over genocide charge against Netanyahu

Warrants for Israeli PM, 36 other officials accuse them of crimes against humanity; Israeli Minister Saar rejects the move, describing it as a 'political stunt' by Turkish President Erdogan; Turkiye seeks to play a role in post-war stabilisation of Gaza

Agence France-Presse
ISTANBUL

Turkiye announced on Friday that it had issued arrest warrants for genocide against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and senior officials in his government over the war in Gaza.

The announcement was met with a firm rebuttal from Israel. Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said Israel "firmly rejects, with contempt" the charges, calling them "the latest PR stunt by the tyrant [Turkish President Recep Tayyip] Erdogan".

The Istanbul prosecutor's office said in a statement that a total of 37 suspects were targeted by the arrest warrants, without providing a full list. They include Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz, National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir and army chief Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir.

Political storm: Benjamin Netanyahu with Israel Katz and Itamar Ben Gvir in the Knesset in Jerusalem in July. REUTERS

Turkiye has accused the officials of "genocide and crimes against humanity" that Israel has "perpetrated systematically" in Gaza.

The statement also refers to the "Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital", built by Turkiye in the Gaza Strip and bombed by Israel in March.

Turkiye, which has been one of the most vocal critics of the war in Gaza, last year joined South Africa's case accusing Israel of genocide at the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

A fragile ceasefire has been in force in the devastated Palestinian territory since October 10 as part of U.S. President Donald Trump's regional peace plan.

The Islamist militant group Hamas welcomed Turkiye's announcement, calling it a "commendable measure [confirming] the sincere positions of the Turkish people and their leaders, who are committed to the values of justice, humanity and fraternity that bind them to our oppressed Palestinian people".

Mr. Saar said in his post in English on the social media platform X that "in Erdogan's Turkiye, the judiciary has long since become a tool for silencing political rivals and detaining journalists, judges and mayors".

Israel's former Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman wrote on X that the arrest warrants for senior Israeli officials "clearly explain why Turkiye should not be present in the Gaza Strip – directly or indirectly".

Turkiye wants to take part in the international stabilisation force intended to play a role in post-war Gaza, according to Mr. Trump's plan.

Afghan-Pakistan peace talks collapsed: Taliban

Reuters
KABUL

Peace talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan broke down, although a ceasefire continues between the South Asian neighbours, a Taliban spokesperson said on Saturday.

Zabihullah Mujahid said negotiations had failed due to Islamabad insisting that Afghanistan assume responsibility for Pakistan's internal security, a demand he described as beyond Afghanistan's "capacity".

But, he said, "The ceasefire that has been established has not been violated by us so far, and it will continue to be observed."

On Friday, Pakistani Minister of Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif said peace talks with Afghanistan in Istanbul aimed at preventing renewed border clashes had collapsed, adding that the ceasefire would hold as long as there were no attacks from Afghan soil.

Resolute stance: Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid speaks during a press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan. AP

Afghan and Pakistani troops on Thursday briefly exchanged fire along their shared border, on the same day peace talks resumed in Istanbul.

The militaries from the South Asian neighbours clashed last month, killing dozens, in the worst violence since the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan in 2021.

Both sides signed a ceasefire in Doha in October, but a second round of negotiations in Istanbul last week ended without a long-term deal due to a disagreement over militant groups hostile to Pakistan that operate inside Afghanistan. For decades, Pakistan and the Taliban enjoyed warm ties, but relations have deteriorated sharply in recent years.

Slice of history

Maritime tales: A replica of the 16th-century transoceanic Basque whaling carrack, the *Nao San Juan*, being towed during its launch at Albaola Maritime Factory in the Spanish Basque town of Pasaia on Friday. AFP

No U.S. official will attend G-20 summit in S. Africa: Trump

Reuters
Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump said on Friday that no U.S. government official would attend the Group of 20 summit in South Africa later this month, because of what he said were "human rights abuses" taking place in the country.

"It is a total disgrace that the G-20 will be held in South Africa. Afrikaners (People who are descended from Dutch settlers, and also French and German immigrants) are being killed and slaughtered, and their land and farms are being illegally confiscated," Mr. Trump said in a Truth Social post.

Mr. Trump has claimed Afrikaners face persecution based on their race in the Black-majority country, allegations the South African government has denied.

Trump has claimed Afrikaners face persecution based on their race in the Black-majority nation

"No U.S. Government Official will attend as long as these Human Rights abuses continue. I look forward to hosting the 2026 G-20 in Miami, Florida!." Mr. Trump said.

The President last month set the lowest cap on record for U.S. refugee admissions and said those people admitted would be focused largely on white Afrikaners.

Vice President J.D. Vance, who was expected to attend the Group of 20 world leaders in Johannesburg in Nov 22-23, was no longer going, a source familiar with the matter said.

South Africa's Foreign Ministry spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The United States is set to take over the G-20 presidency from South Africa.

One-year exemption

Separately, Mr. Trump handed Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban a one-year exemption from sanctions for buying Russian oil and gas after the close right-wing allies held a chummy White House meeting on Friday.

Mr. Trump slapped sanctions on Moscow's two largest oil companies in October after losing patience with Russian President Vladimir Putin over his refusal to end the nearly four-year-old invasion of Ukraine.

But while Mr. Trump has pushed other European countries to stop buying oil that he says funds Moscow's war machine, Mr. Orban used his first trip to the White House since Mr. Trump's return to power to push for special treatment.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said that Washington had granted a "full and unlimited exemption from sanctions on oil and gas". But a White House official said that Hungary's exemption was only for one year.

Hungary had, meanwhile, committed to purchasing U.S. liquified natural gas worth around $600 million, the official said.

Pakistan brings in amendment to create a new post of Chief of Defence Forces

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Saturday brought in a Constitutional amendment to create a new post of Chief of Defence Forces to ensure greater coordination and unified command among the three services.

The 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill presented in Parliament proposes changes to Article 243 of the Constitution, which deals with the armed forces among other issues.

Under the amendment Bill, the President will appoint the Army Chief and the Chief of Defence Force on the advice of the Prime Minister.

The Chief of Army Staff, who will also be the Chief of Defence Forces, will appoint the head of the National Strategic Command in consultation with the Prime Minister. The head of the National Strategic Command will be from the Pakistan Army, it adds.

The government will be able to promote individuals from the armed forces to the ranks of Field Marshal, Marshal of the Air Force and Admiral of the Fleet. The rank and privileges of Field Marshal will be for life, meaning that Field Marshals will remain Field Marshals for life.

The move is said to have been inspired by lessons drawn from the India-Pak. conflict in May

The Bill says the post of Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee will expire on November 27.

'Lessons from conflict'

According to a local media report on Friday, the move is said to have been inspired by lessons drawn from the four-day conflict between Pakistan and India in May and the evolving nature of modern warfare that demands integrated operational response.

In response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terror infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan.

The strikes triggered four days of intense clashes that ended with an understanding on stopping the military actionson May 10.

Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh last month said at least a dozen Pakistani military aircraft, including U.S.-origin F-16 jets, were destroyed or damaged in Indian strikes.

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DELIGHTED SKIPPER

Suryakumar all praise for the Indian bowling resources

PTI

Bumrah-Arshdeep is a lethal combination. And then Axar, Varun coming in doing what they do best. And Washi (Sundar) coming in handy in the last game. They've played a lot of T20 cricket now, they bring a lot to the table and are backing themselves — India skipper Suryakumar Yadav after the T20I series win over Australia.

RAISING THE BAR

Abhishek surpasses Suryakumar, becomes fastest to 1,000 T20I runs

PTI

India opener Abhishek Sharma surpassed captain Suryakumar Yadav to become the fastest to reach 1,000 T20I runs among full-member nations. He achieved the milestone off just 528 balls, bettering Suryakumar's mark of 573 deliveries. Abhishek has 1,012 runs at a strike rate of 189.51 from 28 innings in 29 T20Is.

CAREER-BEST FIGURES

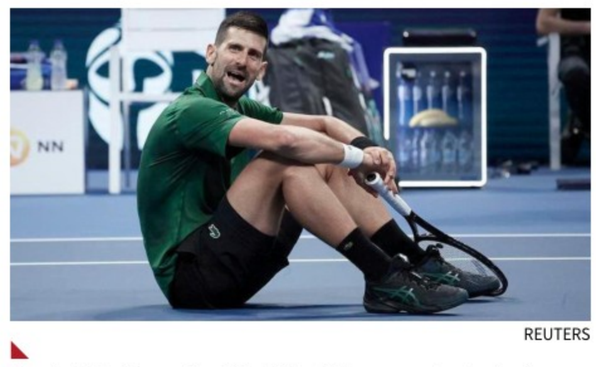
Abrar fashions Pakistan's ODI series victory over South Africa

AP

Leg-spinner Abrar Ahmed starred with a career-best four for 27 as Pakistan scored a series-clinching seven-wicket victory over South Africa in the third and final ODI in Faisalabad on Saturday. **The scores:** SA 143 in 37.5 overs (de Kock 53, Abrar 4/27) lost to Pakistan 144/3 in 25.1 overs (Saim 77). **Toss:** SA. **PoM:** Abrar. **PoS:** de Kock.

ANOTHER ONE IN THE KITTY

Djokovic rallies to down Musetti in Athens, wins 101st title of his career



REUTERS

Novak Djokovic won the 101st title of his career when he beat Lorenzo Musetti 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in the final of the ATP event in Athens on Saturday. The 38-year-old is one of just three men to have racked up a century of titles: he still needs two to equal Roger Federer's 103 while Jimmy Connors heads the list with 109.

Svane shock for top seed Gukesh on a day of upsets

Arjun and Praggnanandhaa storm into the fourth round; Harikrishna and Pranav also advance; three other Indian players to fight it out in tie-breakers; fourth-seeded Giri crashes out

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

The right moves: Svane turned the tables on World champion Gukesh. FIDE

Seeds are falling thick and fast at Resort Rio. The biggest of them fell on Saturday night.

The top seed D. Gukesh was stunned by Germany's Frederik Svane in the second game of the third round at the chess World Cup. After drawing the first game, the Chennai lad, who had become the youngest World champion in history last year, had needed at least a draw with white pieces to stay alive in the tournament, but he resigned after 55 moves in a knight-and-pawn ending.

The day also saw the fourth seed Anish Giri crashing out. Like Gukesh, the Dutchman also needed at least a draw against Alexander Donchenko of Germany, but lost.

On the top boards, Arjun Erigaisi and R. Praggnanandhaa ensured the Indian flag flew high. Arjun drew with Uzbekistan's Shamsiddin Vokhidov - it was his first draw here after three straight wins - and Praggnanandhaa beat Robert Hovhannisyan of Armenia to win their matches 1.5-0.5.

Among the top five seeds, only those two remain in the competition. Seeds eight and nine, Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan, were also eliminated, by Mexico's Jose Martínez Alcantara and Sweden's Nils Grandelius, respectively.

Besides Praggnanandhaa and Arjun, two other Indians have made it to the fourth round - V. Pranav and P. Harikrishna. But it was the end of the road for M. Pranesh and Diptayan Ghosh, after losing to Vincent Keymer, the sixth seed from Germany, and Gabriel Sargissian of Armenia, respectively.

Three more Indians are still in contention, though: Vidit Gujrathi, S.L. Narayanan and Karthik Venkataraman will play Sunday's tie-breakers.

Important results (third round): D. Gukesh 0.5 lost to Frederik Svane (Ger) 1.5; Shamsiddin Vokhidov (Uzb) 0.5 lost to Arjun Erigaisi; R. Praggnanandhaa 1.5 bt Robert Hovhannisyan (Arm) 0.5; Anish Giri (Ned) 0.5 lost to Alexander Donchenko (Ger) 1.5; Titas Stremavicius (Ltu) 0.5 drew with V. Pranav 1.5; M. Pranesh 0.5 lost to Vincent Keymer (Ger) 1.5; Wei Yi (Chn) 1 drew with Benjamin Gledura (Hun) 5; Jose Martínez Alcantara (Mex) 2 bt Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb) 0; Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze) 0.5 lost to Nils Grandelius (Swe) 1.5; Michael Adams (Eng) 0.5 lost to Lorenzo Lodici (Ita) 1.5; Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) 1 drew with Vladilsav Artemiev (Rus) 1.

Gabriel Sargissian (Arm) 1.5 bt Diptayan Ghosh 0.5; Le Quang Liem (Vie) 1.5 drew with Jeffrey Xiong (USA) 0.5; Yagiz Erdogmus (Tur) 1 drew with Richard Rapport (Hun) 1; Levon Aronian (USA) 1.5 bt Salem Saleh (UAE) 0.5; Nikolas Theodorou (Gre) 0.5 lost to Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb) 1.5; Vidit Gujrathi 1 drew with Sam Shankland (USA) 1.

Yu Yangyi (Chn) 1 drew with S.L. Narayanan 1; Radoslaw Wjtaszek (Pol) 2 bt Vladimir Fedoseev (Slo) 0; Bogdan-Daniel Deac (Gre) 1 drew with Karthik Venkataraman 1; Daniel Dardha (Bel) 0.5 drew with P. Harikrishna 1.5; Kirill Alekseenko (Rus) 0.5 lost to Peter Leko (Hun) 1.5.

Men in Blue clinch series as rain plays spoilsport

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

Press Trust of India
BRISBANE

India clinched the five-match T20 International (T20I) series against Australia 2-1 after the fifth and final game was abandoned due to rain here on Saturday.

Put in to bat, India made a blazing start with openers Abhishek Sharma (23 not out off 13 balls) and Shubman Gill (29 not out off 16 balls) going on the offensive.

But lightning stopped play with India cruising at 52 for no loss in 4.5 overs. Soon after, heavy rain lashed the Gabba, forcing the match to be abandoned.

Missed chances

Australia had its chances to remove the dangerous Abhishek early, but failed to capitalise on them. Glenn Maxwell dropped a sitter after the left-hander miscued a shot in the opening over while Ben Dwarshuis spilled a regulation catch in the fourth over when Abhishek was on 11.

Stunning six

Three balls later, Abhishek thrilled the Indian fans with a powerful flat six over mid-wicket.

Gill, meanwhile, took a special liking to Dwarshuis, cracking three boundaries off the left-arm pacer in the third over to keep India's brisk start intact.

The first T20I had also been washed out, while Australia won the second game by four wickets.

However, India bounced back strongly to win the third and fourth matches by five wickets and 48 runs respectively. Australia had won the preceding three-match ODI series 2-1.

Abrupt end: Gill was looking good when lightning stopped play. PTI

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Abhishek Sharma (not out) 23 (*13b, 1x4, 1x6*), Shubman Gill (not out) 29 (*16b, 6x4*); Total (for no loss in 4.5 overs): 52.

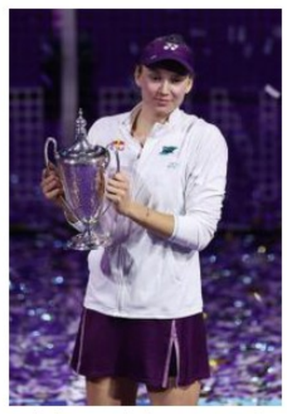
AUSTRALIA BOWLING

Dwarshuis 2-0-27-0, Bartlett 1.5-0-13-0, Ellis 1-0-12-0.

Toss: Australia. *No Result.*

Player-of-the-Series: Abhishek.

India won the five-match series 2-1.



Rybakina with the WTA Finals trophy. REUTERS

Rybakina upsets Sabalenka, triumphs

Reuters
RIYADH

Elena Rybakina capped a flawless week at the WTA Finals by stunning World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka 6-3 7-6(0) in the final on Saturday for her first trophy in the season-ending championships and a record $5.235 million in prize money.

In a rematch of the 2023 Australian Open title clash won by Sabalenka, it was Rybakina who made early inroads with a barrage of powerful winners to shrug off concerns over a sore shoulder and break for a 4-2 lead in the opening set.

The results: Finals: Elena Rybakina (Kaz) bt Aryna Sabalenka (Blr) 6-3 7-6(0). **Doubles:** Veronika Kudermetova (Rus) & Elise Mertens (Bel) bt Timea Babos (Hun) & Luisa Stefani (Bra) 7-6(4), 6-1.

Love for chess keeps Ivanchuk going

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

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> I play chess because I have no choice, I don't see any serious alternative, and I am not so strong in organising

Vasyl Ivanchuk is widely regarded as one of the greatest players never to have won the World chess championship. A former World No. 2, he has nevertheless lifted the World blitz and World rapid championships.

He was 47 when he won that World rapid title in 2016 at Doha, ahead of Magnus Carlsen. He continues to play chess competitively.

"Because I cannot do anything else," Ivanchuk said at Rio Resort, where his campaign at the World Cup ended early.

"I play chess because I have no choice, I don't see any serious alternative, and I am not so strong in organising, like Vishy Anand (who is here as FIDE's deputy president). And of course I like to play chess."

The Ukrainian Grandmaster admitted life wasn't easy in his country following the Russian invasion. He said he used to analyse online from the bunker. "I would be happy to continue, but in that period, people helped me in the technical part, but there is nobody now," he said. "I cannot do it myself."

The 56-year-old said he was happy with the conditions at the World Cup, begging to differ from someone like Ian Nepomniachtchi, the Russian player who had expressed his disappointment after his exit.

"I just want to thank the organisers, the players, the correct atmosphere, to the arbiters of course," he said. "I have no complaints. I can only say thank you to everybody, especially those who have supported me."

Jurel hits his second hundred of the match as India-A asserts dominance

INDIA-A VS SA-A

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Dhruv Jurel is like that gift that keeps on giving. On day three of the second 'Test' against South Africa-A at the BCCI Centre of Excellence near here, the 24-year-old notched up his second century of the match (127 n.o., 170b, 15x4, 1x6) to all but bat the visitors out of the contest and heighten the clamour for his inclusion as a pure batter in India's Test XI versus South Africa next week.

With able support from Harsh Dubey (84, 116b, 12x4, 1x6) and skipper Rishabh Pant (65, 54b, 5x4, 4x6), Jurel helped India-A declare at 382 for seven from an overnight 78 for three, setting a more-than-challenging target of 417.

At stumps, South Africa-A was 25 for no loss.

India-A lost K.L. Rahul early, his off-stump uprooted by pacer Okuhle Cele. Pant came out swinging as he hit Cele for a flicked four and a six over cow corner.

But it was not long before he walked back grimacing, after being smacked on the helmet while attempting a reverse pick-up shot, on his left-arm trying a pull and then in the abdomen area.

Jurel replaced Pant at the crease, and went about his business in his usual understated way, but all along ensured that his dashing captain wouldn't be missed. With Dubey, he combined for 184 mammoth runs (250b), an association replete with glorious drives and deft steers and cuts, with a few aerial hits acting as embellishments.

Dubey was reprieved first ball at slip off Kyle Simmonds, and the left-arm spinner also missed out on dismissing Jurel on 49, for the ball, despite trickling on to the stumps, did not dislodge the bail.

But for those chances, the outstation bowlers did not have as much as a sniff.

A loose drive post tea led to Dubey being caught at slip off Tshepo Moreki, but Pant's return kept up the momentum.

The India star had his left-arm strapped, but that did not prove inhibiting as he pulled and drove Tiaan van Vuuren for boundaries and whacked Moreki for a maximum.

The 82-run partnership between Pant and Jurel came at breakneck speed (54b), and should, in all probability, prove a knock-out punch.

Standing tall: Jurel, who replaced Pant at the crease when the skipper got injured, was in sublime touch. K. MURALI KUMAR

The scores:
India-A 255 in 77.1 overs & 382/7 decl. in 89.2 overs (Rishabh Pant 65, Dhruv Jurel 127 n.o., Harsh Dubey 84) vs. South Africa-A 221 in 47.3 overs & 25/0 in 11 overs.

SNAPSHOTS

De Ligt secures a draw for Man Utd

LONDON: Matthijs de Ligt salvaged a 2-2 draw for Manchester United at Tottenham in a frantic finale as both sides missed the chance to go second in the Premier League on Saturday.

Bayern Munich's record-breaking start to the season came to an end with a 2-2 draw at Union Berlin on Saturday, as Harry Kane equalised in stoppage time.

Bayern had won 16 from 16 in all competitions to start the season, a record in Europe's top leagues, but looked tired after fighting with 10 men for much of Tuesday's 2-1 win at Paris Saint-Germain.

The results: Premier League: Tottenham 2 (Tel 84, Richarlison 90+1) drew with Manchester United 2 (Mbeumo 32, De Ligt 90+6).

LaLiga: Girona 1 (Tsygankov 16) bt Alaves 0.

Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen 6 (Schick 2, 22, Hofmann 16, Poku 27, Maza 45+1, 53) bt Heidenheim 0; Union Berlin 2 (Doekhi 27, 83) drew with Bayern Munich 2 (Diaz 38, Kane 90+3); Hoffenheim 3 (Hajdari 20, Lemperle 38, Promel 79) bt RB Leipzig 1 (Diomande 9); Hamburg SV 1 (Konigsdorffer 90+7) drew with Borussia Dortmund 1 (Chukwuemeka 64).

On Friday: LaLiga: Elche 1 (Rodriguez 57) drew with Real Sociedad 1 (Oyarzabal 89-pen).

Bundesliga: Werder Bremen 2 (Stage 83, Mbangula 90+4) bt Wolfsburg 1 (Svanberg 28).

Advani begins with win

DOHA: Three-time champion Pankaj Advani began his IBSF World snooker championships campaign with a 4-1 [66-29, 86-25, 55-71, 64-25, 80(53)-9] win over Canada's Sahil Nayyar on Saturday. Barring a minor hiccup in the third of the best-of-seven frame Group H match, the Indian was largely untroubled.

Norris takes sprint

SAO PAULO: Lando Norris won Saturday's sprint race at the Brazilian Grand Prix and widened his lead in the drivers' championship race to nine points after teammate Oscar Piastri failed to finish the 24 laps at the partially wet Interlagos track.

Norris, who started in pole, added eight points and now has 365. Piastri, who spun on turn three and crashed onto the wall as did Alpine's Franco Colapinto, remains with 356 ahead of Sunday's race. Piastri also finished ahead of Mercedes' Kimi Antonelli and George Russell in a sprint race that was marked by crashes.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen ended in fourth.

INBRIEF

Ishaan tops the table in Senior Max category

Teenager Ishaan Madesh (Peregrine Racing) underlined his dominance with a rousing win in the Senior Max category to headline the fifth round of the MECO-FMSCI National Karting Championship 2025 (Rotax Max Classes) in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The results (finals): Provisional: Senior Max (18 laps): 1. Ishaan Madesh (Peregrine Racing) 16:45.794; 2. Aarav Dewan (Leapfrog Racing) 16:46.792; 3. Krish Gupta (Rayo Racing) 16:47.733. **Junior Max (16 laps):** 1. Kiaan Shah (Rayo Racing) 15:10.543; 2. Eshanth Vengatesan (MSPORT) 15:17.314; 3. Arafath Sheikh (Crest Motorsports) 15:17.515.
Mini Max (14 laps): 1. Rehan Khan Rasheed (Momentum Motorsports) 13:38.368; 2. Rivaan Dev Preetham (MSPORT) 13:41.180; 3. Yatharth Gaur (Leapfrog Racing) 13:41.786.
Micro Max (11 laps): 1. Shiv Neel (MSPORT) 11:20.603; 2. Arshi Gupta (Leapfrog Racing) 11:20.529; 3. Shiv Tummala (Peregrine Racing) 11:20.668.

Rathika storms into NSW Open squash final

Rathika Suthanthira Seelan stormed into her fourth PSA final at the NSW Open squash in Sydney on Saturday with a 11-9, 11-7, 11-6 win over New Zealand's sixth seed Emma Merson. In Springfield (USA), fifth seed Veer Chotrani advanced to the semifinals of the St. James Expression Open with a 7-11, 12-10, 11-8, 5-1, 11-6 victory over Egyptian second seed Mohamed ElSherbini in the quarterfinals.

Bezzecchi grabs pole for Portuguese MotoGP

Marco Bezzecchi grabbed pole position for the Portuguese MotoGP on Sunday. Pedro Acosta of KTM was second and Fabio Quartararo third on his Yamaha.

Karnataka and Maharashtra share honours on day one

Agarwal's gritty knock anchors the visitor's innings before Manohar and Shreyas guide the team to 257 for five; veteran off-spinner Saxena's crafty display is the highlight of the host's bowling effort

RANJI TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

Seasoned opener Mayank Agarwal showcased patience and discipline, while veteran off-spinner Jalaj Saxena exhibited his craft in a fascinating duel that defined the Ranji Trophy Group-B clash opening day between Karnataka and Maharashtra at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium on Saturday.

Agarwal's gritty 80 (181 b, 7x4, 2x6) anchored Karnataka's innings before he fell to Saxena (3/80) late in the final session. Despite slipping to 194 for five, Abhinav Manohar and Shreyas Gopal steadied the visitors, guiding them to 257 for five at stumps.

After winning the toss, Agarwal and K.V. Aneesh gave Karnataka a composed start.

Aneesh, the more fluent of the two, began by driving Rajneesh Gurbani through covers in the opening over.

With Mukesh Choudhary struggling for rhythm, Maharashtra introduced spin early – and Saxena struck immediately. His very first delivery turned sharply into Aneesh, trapping him legbefore to break the 66-run stand.

Saxena produced a gem in his third over that breached K.L. Shrijith's defence and rattled his stumps. Minutes later, pacer Ramakrishna Ghosh delivered a peach to dismiss Karun Nair, beating his inside edge with a delivery that seamed in to uproot off and middle.

At 89 for three, Karnataka needed stability. Agarwal found it in tall left-hander R. Smaran, and together they resisted Maharashtra's attack with determination. Once the ball softened, Agarwal shifted gears, using his feet against the spinners and lofting Saxena over cow corner to bring up his half-century.

On the cusp of tea, Smaran's resolute stay ended when he chipped Vicky Ostwal to Ankeet Bawane at short mid-wicket.

After the interval, Saxena quickened his pace to unsettle Agarwal – and the ploy worked. A quicker one on middle turned sharply, with wicketkeeper Saurabh Nawale completing a neat stumping to end Agarwal's fine innings.

The day ended evenly poised, with Karnataka's lower middle-order holding firm against Maharashtra's probing attack.

Batting mainstay: Agarwal's patience and discipline ensured that Karnataka weathered a spurt of wickets early on. EMMANUAL YOGINI

The scores: Karnataka — 1st innings: K.V. Aneesh lbw b Saxena 34, Mayank Agarwal st Nawale b Saxena 80, K.L. Shrijith b Saxena 10, Karun Nair b Ghosh 4, R. Smaran c Bawane b Ostwal 54, Abhinav Manohar (batting) 31, Shreyas Gopal (batting) 32; Extras (lb-12): 12; Total (for five wkts. in 89 overs): 257.
Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-82, 3-89, 4-188, 5-194.
Maharashtra bowling: Gurbani 14-2-38-0, Choudhary 8-1-44-0, Ostwal 24-8-50-1, Saxena 30-2-80-3, Ghosh 13-4-33-1.

RANJI SCORES - ROUND 4 (DAY ONE)

Elite: Group A: At Kanpur: Uttar Pradesh 301/1 in 90 overs (Madhav Kaushik 120 batting, Aryan Juyal 118 batting) vs Nagaland. **Toss:** UP.
At Visakhapatnam: Tamil Nadu 182 in 74.3 overs (P. Vidyuth 40, Y. Prithvi Raj 4/46) vs Andhra 20/1 in 6 overs. **Toss:** TN.
At Nagpur: Vidarbha 234/5 in 90 overs (Dhruv Shorey 128 batting, R. Samarth 49) vs Odisha. **Toss:** Odisha.
At Vadodara: Jharkhand 327/5 in 88 overs (Kumar Kushagra 133 batting, Virat Singh 46, Robin Minz 79) vs Baroda. **Toss:** Baroda.
Group B: At Pune: Karnataka 257/5 in 89 overs (Mayank Agarwal 80, R. Smaran 54) vs Maharashtra. **Toss:** Karnataka.
At Porvorim: Goa 256/8 in 84.5 overs (Suyash Prabhudessai 65, Snehal Kauthankar 41, Lalit Yadav 41, Darshan Misal 44, Saransh Jain 4/72) vs Madhya Pradesh. **Toss:** Goa.
At Chandigarh: Chandigarh 173 in 51 overs (Nikhil Thakur 63, Gaurav Puri 40, Ayush Goyal 4/50) vs Punjab 71/3 in 26 overs. **Toss:** Punjab.
At Thiruvananthapuram: Saurashtra 160 in 55.2 overs (Jay Gohil 84, M.D. Nidheesh 6/20) vs Kerala 82/2 in 22 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 59 batting). **Toss:** Kerala.
Group C: At Surat: Bengal 273/5 in 85 overs (Anustup Majumdar 103 batting, Shahbaz Ahmed 86) vs Railways. **Toss:** Bengal.
At Lahli: Haryana 112 in 48.1 overs (Mayank Mishra 4/38, J. Suchith 5/27) vs Uttarakhand 126/2 in 46 overs. **Toss:** Haryana.
At Nadiad: Services 203/8 in 90 overs vs Gujarat. **Toss:** Services.
At Agartala: Tripura 316/4 in 84 overs (G. Hanuma Vihari 143 batting, Sentu Sarkar 94) vs Assam. **Toss:** Assam.

Vihari (143 batting, Tripura).

Group D: At Delhi: Delhi 211 in 69 overs (Ayush Badoni 64, Ayush Doseja 65, Sumit Mathur 55 n.o., Auqib Nabi 5/35) vs Jammu & Kashmir 31/3 in 13 overs. **Toss:** J&K.
At Hyderabad: Hyderabad 295/7 in 89 overs (Rahul Singh Gahlaut 55, Rahul Radesh 85 batting, Rohit Rayudu 47) vs Rajasthan. **Toss:** Hyderabad.
At Raipur: Chhattisgarh 201/4 in 86 overs (Ayush Pandey 45, Sanjeet Desai 69, Amadeep Khare 41 rtd hurt) vs Pondicherry. **Toss:** Pondicherry.
At Mumbai: Mumbai 289/5 in 89 overs (Musheer Khan 112, Siddhesh Lad 100 batting) vs Himachal Pradesh. **Toss:** Mumbai.
Plate: At Rangpo: Bihar 265 in 77.4 overs (Ayush Loharuka 63, Sakibul Gani 66, Himanshu Singh 40, Ankur Malik 5/81) vs Sikkim 14/0 in 13 overs. Toss: Bihar.
At Anand: Manipur 201/3 in 65 overs (Karnajit Yumnam 40, Ulenyai0 Khwairakpam 90, Al Bashid Muhammed 47 batting) vs Mizoram. **Toss:** Mizoram.
At Surat: Meghalaya 386/2 in 90 overs (Arpit Subhar 203 batting, Ajay Duhan 53, Kishan Lyndoh 118 batting) vs Arunachal Pradesh. **Toss:** Meghalaya.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports Khel & JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Chess: World Cup, FIDE YouTube Channel, 3 p.m.
Serie A: DAZN, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: FanCode, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
Premier League: SS Select 1 & JioHotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 8, 10 p.m. & 12 a.m. (Monday)
Formula One: Sao Paulo GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 10.30 p.m.

Ravinder wins gold; Elavenil also shines at ISSF World c'ships

SHOOTING

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Two-time Olympian Elavenil Valarivan came up with her best performance before signing off with a bronze medal in the women's 10m air rifle event, while veteran army marksman Ravinder Singh brought India more glory by clinching gold in the men's 50m free pistol at the ISSF World Championships, here on Saturday.

The podium
The Indian women's team of Elavenil, Meghana Sajjanar and Shreya Agrawal won the bronze with an aggregate of 1893.3.

China (1901.7) and South Korea (1899.9) took the gold and silver, respectively. A total of 11 teams were in the fray.

Superb shot
Ravinder, who has been in and out of the India squad since 2019, shot a superb 569 in the non-Olympic event to take the top podium finish ahead of Kim Cheongyong of South Korea, who shot 556, and Individual Neutral Athlete (AIN) Anton Aristarkhov (556).

Team effort
The Indian team, comprising Ravinder (569), Kamaljeet (540) and and Yogesh Kumar (537), took the silver with an aggregate of 1646.

South Korea totalled 1648 to win the gold medal.

Ukraine took the bronze with a combined total of 1644.

Rohit begins training for ODIs against SA

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

India batter Rohit Sharma turned up for training at the MCA-BKC ground on Saturday in preparation for the upcoming ODI series against South Africa.

Rohit spent about an hour in sprints and some light training. However, he did not bat in the nets.

Rohit recently featured in the ODI series against Australia and scored a century in the final game.

Ut needs to be seen whether Rohit makes himself available for Mumbai in the Vijay Hazare Trophy next month.

India will face South Africa in a three-match series, with the first clash on November 30 at Ranchi.

KARNATAKA ROUND UP

Karnataka makes semifinal

Karnataka defeated Delhi by 11 runs in the quarterfinals of the BCCI under-19 women's T20 trophy at Kolkata.

The scores: Quarterfinals: Karnataka 130/5 in 20 overs (Rachitha Hatwar 55, Shreya Chavan 34) bt Delhi 119/8 in 20 overs (Vandita Rao 3/30).

MCHS, Beagles win basketball titles

MCHS and Beagles emerged the basketball champions in the fourth Mini Karnataka Games 2025 in Bengaluru.

The results: Basketball: Finals: Boys: MCHS bt Southern Blues 55-50; **Girls:** Beagles bt Mandya 51-31.

It's Agrador vs. Valiant Stream in feature event

BENGALURU: Agrador and Valiant Stream may fight out the finish of the Bengaluru City Police Cup (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Sunday (Nov 9).

False rails (width about 2m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 JOG FALLS PLATE (Div. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 1.30 p.m.: 1. Divo (7) Jagadeesh 60, 2. Adelanto (3) G. Praveen 57.5, 3. Star Of The Future (1) Ikram Ahmed 57.5, 4. Kazing (5) Laxman S 57, 5. Rosaline (6) Antony 57, 6. Friya (8) Pavan 56.5, 7. Divine Protector (2) R. Vaibhav 54.5 and 8. Martha (4) Angad 54.5.
1. ROSALINE, 2. DIVO, 3. DIVINE PROTECTOR

2 WORLD CANCER AWARENESS DAY PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00: 1. Flamingo Dream (5) A. Hangal 62.5, 2. Legendary Impact (6) Suhas K 62.5, 3. Empress Bella (2) Darshan 61.5, 4. Estefania (7) Aleemuddin 61, 5. Feel Of Hope (8) Angad 59.5, 6. True Gold (4) Vishwa V 59.5, 7. Bezawada Blaze (1) S. Sachin 59, 8. Emeraldo (3) L.A. Rozario 57.5 and 9. N R I Gold (9) Pavan 57.
1. ESTEFANIA, 2. LEGENDARY IMPACT, 3. TRUE GOLD

3 JOG FALLS PLATE (Div. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2.30: 1. Eagle Eye (2) L.A. Rozario 62.5, 2. Xanthe (4) Sandesh 61, 3. Glorious Strides (1) A.A. Vikrant 60, 4. Hyperdrive (8) Pavan 59.5, 5. Joyful Spirit (5) Salman Khan 56.5, 6. Diesel (7) Likith Appu 55, 7. Queen Maxima (3) Jagadeesh 53.5 and 8. CR Seven (6) Angad 53.
1. EAGLE EYE, 2. XANTHE, 3. GLORIOUS STRIDES

4 UDUPI PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 3.00: 1. Disciple (10) Antony 60, 2. Aherne (4) A. Ramu 59.5, 3. Connecting Dots (8) Aleemuddin 59, 4. D Fronx (6) Sai Kiran 59, 5. Finley (3) Darshan 59, 6. Corinthian (9) Shreyas S 55.5, 7. Lux Aeterna (1) Sandesh 55.5, 8. Aquastic (7) J. Chinoy 54.5, 9. Super Sapphire (5) G. Praveen 54.5 and 10. Stravinsky (2) Angad 54.
1. LUX AETERNA, 2. DISCIPLE, 3. CONNECTING DOTS

5 T.B. HANUMANTHARAJ MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 3.30: 1. Royal Deccan (8) Aleemuddin 60, 2. Agera (7) L.A. Rozario 58.5, 3. Pole Star (3) Mukesh K 58, 4. Thessalian (2) Vinod Shinde 57, 5. Eclipse Pulse (9) Asirvatham 56, 6. See The Light (6) Sandesh 55.5, 7. Run For The Sun (5) Antony 53.5, 8. Ziva (1) Suhas K 53.5, 9. Vibrant Bliss (10) Rayan 53 and 10. IL Volo (4) Angad 51.5.
1. THESSALIAN, 2. SEE THE LIGHT, 3. POLE STAR

6 BENGALURU CITY POLICE CUP (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4.00: 1. Agrador (7) L.A. Rozario 57, 2. Auctav (6) Sai Kiran 57, 3. Fils De France (4) Antony 57, 4. Jade Mountain (9) Vinod Shinde 57, 5. Ransomware (3) Angad 57, 6. Valiant Stream (2) Sandesh 57, 7. Hold Your Breath (5) A. Ramu 55.5, 8. Jalwa (10) Arvind K 55.5, 9. Lysandra (8) Salman Khan 55.5 and 10. Stella Maris (1) Mukesh K 55.5.
1. AGRADOR, 2. VALIANT STREAM, 3. AUCTAV

7 GOMOS PLATE (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 4.30: 1. Crosswater (11) Aleemuddin 61, 2. Mazal Tov (12) Darshan 57.5, 3. Forseti (7) J. Chinoy 57, 4. Victoria Doresaani (8) L.A. Rozario 55.5, 5. Sekhmet (1) Hindu S 55, 6. Monterio (2) Sai Kiran 54.5, 7. Inspire (5) Antony 53.5, 8. Auspicious Queen (4) Angad 52, 9. Booster Shot (3) Kiran Rai 52, 10. Invincible (10) Vinod Shinde 51.5, 11. Elpenor (6) Suhas K 51 and 12. Efficacy (9) Shreyas S 50.
1. EFFICACY, 2. INSPIRE, 3. MONTERIO

8 MALAPRABHA PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5.00: 1. Dictator (3) Sandesh 62.5, 2. Stentorian (6) M. Prabhakaran 61, 3. Baltimore (7) Salman Khan 59, 4. Amazing Attraction (10) Aleemuddin 58, 5. Glorious Spectre (8) J. Chinoy 57.5, 6. Roadrunner (4) Hindu S 57.5, 7. Honest Desire (11) Antony 53.5, 8. Mister Brown (12) Arvind K 53.5, 9. Enjoyable (2) Kiran Rai 53, 10. Infinite Spirit (9) Siddaraju P 53, 11. Count Basie (5) Angad 52.5 and 12. N R I Jetpower (1) Vinod Shinde 50.
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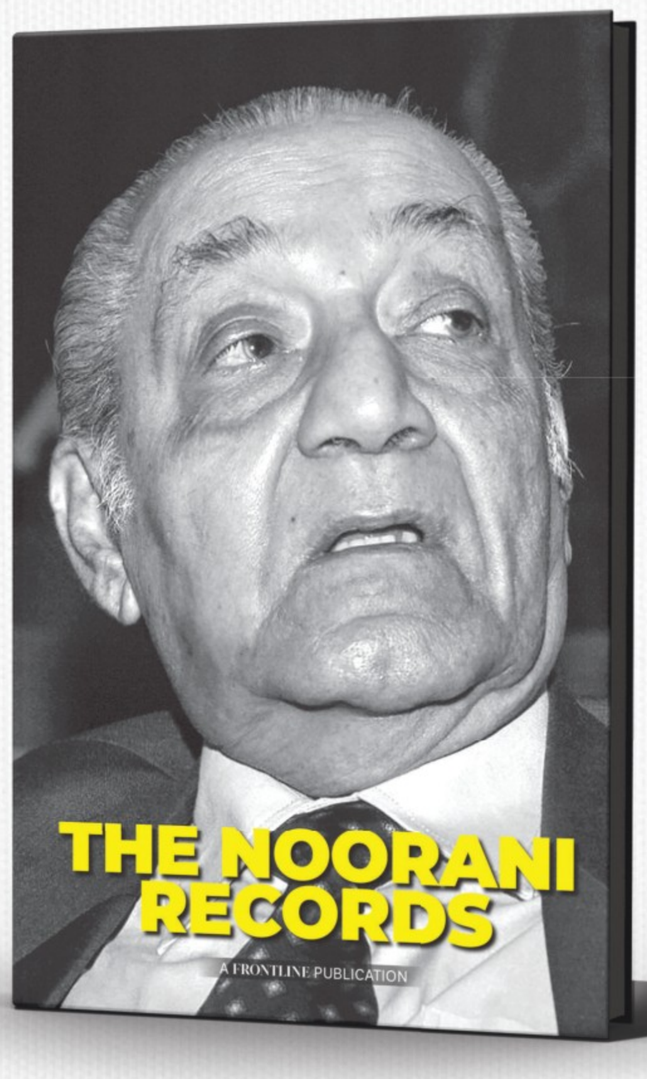

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